

Langham Gardeners' Association

Constitution & Allotment Rules

Allotment Holders Conditions Rev 1

April 2017

Rents :

1. Rent per plot, which entitles the Allotment Holder to be an Association Member, or any other sums as may be proposed by the Committee shall be determined at the Annual General Meeting and shall be payable in advance. The Committee shall give twelve months notice of any intention to increase rents.
2. Rent shall be payable on or before 1st March. Tenants failing to pay by 30th March shall be considered as having terminated their agreement and their plot may be re-let.

Tenancy :

3. Notice of termination may be given to allotment holders twelve months prior to such termination taking affect.
4. No further plot may be let to an existing tenant if there is a waiting list of new applicants.
5. Access ways and adjacent roadways shall be maintained by the tenants between plots as marked by pegs to enable adequate access at all times by other tenants.
6. Each plot shall be numbered and the tenant shall keep the number visible at all times.
7. Dogs to be under control at all times.
8. No fowls or animals of any kind may be kept on a plot.
9. No rubbish or manure shall be left on any access way unless approved by the Committee.
10. No fencing, gates or hedges shall be damaged.
11. No greenhouses, sheds or other buildings may be erected without prior approval being given in writing by the Committee.
12. No tree shall be grown so that it overhangs adjacent plots.
13. All allotments must be kept in a proper state of cultivation at all times.
14. Plots failing to be cultivated may be strimmed, sprayed or covered with weed suppressant at the discretion of the Committee.
15. No hose pipes or sprinklers shall be used for watering plots.
16. There shall be no subletting of plots without written approval of the Committee and subtenants must be members of Langham Gardeners' Association.
17. Tenants failing to comply with these rules shall be given notice in writing and failure to comply within twenty-eight days shall result in loss of tenancy without compensation or refund. Tenants have right of appeal to the Committee.

Committee :

- The affairs of the Association shall be conducted by a Committee of not more than ten members, elected annually at a General Meeting
- The Committee shall retire annually but are eligible for re-election
- A quorum at Committee meetings shall be five members
- Vacancies occurring during the year may be filled at the discretion of the Committee
- The Officers of the Association shall be Chairman, Treasurer, Meetings Secretary and General Secretary
- The Chairman shall be an ex-officio member of the Committee elected by the membership at the Annual General Meeting
- The Annual General Meeting shall be held each year.
- Ten members shall form a quorum and the Chairman will have a casting vote
- Special General Meetings may be called at the request of ten members in writing to the Chairman

Finances :

- The Committee shall hold a banking account in the name of the Association
- Cheques shall be signed by the Treasurer and any one of three other committee members
- Not more than £25.00 shall be held at any one time by the Treasurer, Secretary or Meetings Secretary to cover petty cash expenditure
- The accounts shall be drawn up annually and shall be audited by the Auditor, a non committee member appointed by the Committee, such audited accounts shall be presented at the Annual General Meeting

General :

- No party-political or sectarian discussion may be raised, or resolutions proposed, at any committee or general meeting of the Association
- Any matters not provided for shall be dealt with at the discretion of the Committee
- Any change of rules will be by a simple majority at the Annual General Meeting

Objectives :

- To promote the interests of gardeners and allotment holders
- To cooperate with Local Councils and other bodies in furthering the interests of gardeners and allotment holders
- To conduct negotiations with the Local Council in respect of land used as allotment gardens
- To manage Langham allotments and to take such steps as may be required for good management, cultivation and protection of the allotments
- To arrange meetings, lectures, exhibitions and competitions
- To arrange for the supply of seeds, fertilisers and garden requisites at advantageous prices to members

Membership :

- The Association shall consist of gardeners and allotment holders within the Parish of Langham
- Every member shall pay a subscription to be determined annually by the committee or other such sum as may be determined by the Annual General Meeting.
- Subscriptions shall be payable in advance
- The Association year will commence 1st March
- Any member who is one month in arrears with subscriptions shall be deemed to cease as a member

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