

Newton Poppleford and Harpford Parish Council

Allotment Regulations – approved August 2017

If you are interested in renting a plot on this allotment please contact: Paul Hayward, Parish Clerk Tel: 07711 929227

Allotments will be allocated only to those persons on the waiting list kept by the parish clerk. Each allotment will be allocated to the first person on the waiting list and then the next person in line until such times as the allocation is accepted via the Clerk. There are 105 quarter-plots on site, laid out in 4 rows; A, B, C & D, numbered 1 to 25 (rows A & B) and 1 to 28 (rows C & D). There is no plot at D5.

Daily site supervisor: Makala Tillotson

Grass cutting / strimming of site: Harvey Tillotson

Fees:

Allotment fees are payable yearly in advance 1st April – 31st March. No refunds of plot fees will be made once paid.

£6.00 per annum per quarter plot plus,

£3.00 per annum per quarter plot for water (charges may fluctuate according to site usage and are shown separately on bill and the Parish Council reserves the right to regulate the water supply in drought conditions).

All fees must be paid in advance, preferably via Cheque or BACS but cash payments are acceptable. Receipts will be provided for cash received.

Non-payment will result in forfeiting of the plot.

Tenants notice period to break tenancy: 1 month

Plot regulations

All allotment plot numbers must be clearly displayed with signage provided, and maintained, by the Parish Council.

The tenant shall not assign the tenancy nor sub-let or part with the possession of any part of the Allotment Plot without prior written consent of the Parish Council.

All allotment boundaries must be retained and kept clear.

Barbed wire may not be used on site.

Trading or business (for example selling produce) on site is prohibited.

Dogs on site to be kept on leads.

Birds or animals may not be kept on site (including bees)

Bonfires are permitted in appropriate containers. We ask that you are mindful of smoke nuisance from burning green materials and of the impact of smoke on other users. No “non-organic” materials are to be burnt. Please refrain from using flammable liquids to initiate / accelerate ignition. We suggest using composters as an alternative.

Sheds/green houses on site:

- The footprint of any new structure, colour, size, materials etc should be approved in advance (contact Makala Tillotson who will forward the information to the Parish Council for their approval)
- The shed or green house shall be kept in good repair with the roof firmly secured. Any breakage to glass will be repaired immediately and broken glass removed from site.
- The structure shall not be occupied between 10.00 pm and 6.00 am

Chemicals should be used and disposed of responsibly and with respect for other users who may wish to grow organic produce.

Each tenant is responsible for managing their own plot and will be respectful of other tenants / users. Any site not properly maintained may result in forfeit of the plot. When vacating a plot, it should be left in a suitable state for the next tenant. Parish Council reserves the right to levy a charge to reimburse the Parish Council for unreasonable clearance expenditure.

Non-compostable rubbish must be removed from site.

Vacant plots will be kept covered where possible to prevent seeding.

Tenants are reminded that they are responsible for any liability insurance cover for their respective plots and that the Council’s liability only extends to common areas of the allotment site.

The Parish Council reserves the right to withdraw permission to rent a plot for misuse, non-payment, disregarding any of the regulations etc.

The Parish Council authorised the installation of an Eco-Toilet onsite for the use of allotment plotters and their guests. The provision of this amenity was subject to stringent rules and regulations regarding its use and the treatment of the human waste created. All waste materials MUST be composted according to the principles of Eco-Composting and plotters are asked to forward all concerns or reports of damage or disrepair or pollution to the Parish Clerk to deal with. Please note that human waste, until made inert by composting, is a bio-hazard as per the statutory regulations of the Environmental Protection Act 1990 and there are severe financial and legal consequences for non-compliance with this law.

To prevent contamination of the compostable material, it is essential that persons undergoing any form of radiation treatment / testing refrain from using these facilities.

If you have any concerns about activities or management of this allotment site, please contact the Clerk to the Parish Council:

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