



## Agreement for the Letting of an Allotment

**Parties:** This agreement is made between Wroughton Parish Council (the Council) and (the Tenant) of (address)

In respect of Plot Number (the Plot) on the Council's Moormead Road site (the Site)  
Size approximately Perch (1 perch = 25.3 square metres)

### Terms

- 1) The Council agrees to let the plot to the Tenant from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2014 until 31<sup>st</sup> March following at a rent of £5.50 per 25.3 square metres (perch) or part thereof and thereafter from 1<sup>st</sup> April each year at the rent specified by the Council until otherwise determined.
- 2) The first payment is to be made on signing this agreement. When a tenant takes on an allotment between April and October the full amount of rent is payable. For tenants who take on an allotment after October the rent due is for one half year. Subsequent payments shall be made on receipt of the Council's invoice, or by 30<sup>th</sup> April whichever is the earlier.
- 3) Tenants moving outside the Wroughton parish boundary may, with written agreement, be permitted to retain the tenancy and in these cases the rent will be doubled.

### Conditions of Use

- 1) The Tenant shall keep the allotment well cultivated, properly fertilised, in good condition and shall not cause or permit any unsightly materials to accumulate on the Plot.
- 2) The Tenant may use the allotment for the cultivation of fruit, cut flowers and vegetables.
- 3) The Tenant shall not sell produce from the Plot or otherwise use it for commercial purposes.
- 4) The Tenant shall keep and maintain not less than half the width of any path that abuts the Plot and shall not form any gullies deeper than 2" or 50mm on any plot edge bordering a path.
- 5) The Tenant shall not use barbed wire at the site.
- 6) The Tenant shall not bring any carpet to the site to use as a weed suppressant or other purpose or bring any waste to the site for disposal as this constitutes a criminal offence under the Environmental Protection Act 1990.
- 7) The Tenant shall not keep any livestock on the Plot.
- 8) The Tenant shall keep any dog on a lead at all times when on the allotment site and under proper control. All faeces shall be removed from the site entirely.
- 9) The Tenant shall not cause any annoyance, nuisance or obstruction to any other tenant of a plot on the allotment site or any surrounding neighbours.
- 10) The Tenant must exercise care with the use of weed killer at the site. Containers used for weed killing must not be washed out in the water troughs or stream. All empty chemical containers shall be removed from the site. It is good practice to clearly label all containers.
- 11) Tenants shall not wash tools, produce or hands in any water trough.
- 12) Bonfires are permitted at the site if the prevailing wind is blowing away from the Prospect Hospice. No synthetic or manmade materials e.g. plastic, foam, rubber or paint shall be burned. Smoke from a bonfire must not drift across a highway so as to cause a danger to traffic. Bonfires must not be left unattended.
- 13) No trees, other than dwarf fruit trees, a maximum of two per Plot, may be planted and the Tenant must obtain express written permission beforehand.

- 14) The Tenant shall ensure that all gates are closed after entering or leaving the site.
- 15) Tenants may cultivate brambles. Old growth must be removed and new growth must be kept clear of paths and not encroach on to neighbouring plots.
- 16) Pest Control. The Council carries out pest control at the site. Tenants shall not use poison or traps or attempt to shoot or destroy rabbits, birds or vermin at the site. Tenants shall report any sighting of rodents at the Site.
- 17) The Tenant shall not erect any building at the allotment without the express written consent of the Council prior to erection. Any such buildings shall be of such a size and construction as the Council approves in writing. Such buildings shall be maintained in good repair. Any glazing in structures must use polycarbonate or similar. All structures must be constructed on a temporary base and be set in from the edge of the Tenant's plot in order that paths are not obstructed or compromised.
- 18) The Tenant may erect a fence around their Plot. All fences must be set in from the edge of the Tenants plot in order that paths are not obstructed or compromised
- 19) The Tenant shall observe and perform any special condition which The Council may deem necessary for the preservation of the Plot from deterioration.
- 20) Any Officer of the Council shall be entitled to enter and inspect the allotment at any time.

#### **Termination of this agreement**

- 1) This agreement may be terminated by the Council giving one months notice in any of the following events:
  - a) if the Tenant ceases to reside within one mile of Wroughton parish boundary and does not apply to retain the tenancy at double the rent.
  - b) if the rent is in arrears for at least 40 days.
  - c) if the tenancy or right of occupation of the Council terminates.
  - d) If the Tenant contravenes any of the Conditions.
  - e) if the Tenant becomes bankrupt or compounds with their creditors.
- 2) A Tenant wishing to terminate the tenancy shall give 12 months written notice to the Clerk at the Council Ellendune Community Centre Barrett Way Wroughton SN4 9LW to expire prior to 1<sup>st</sup> April or after 29<sup>th</sup> September.
- 3) The Council shall serve written notice to the Tenant's last known address with the same period and expiry.
- 4) A shorter notice may be arranged by mutual agreement.
- 5) The Tenant may not underlet, assign or part with possession of the plot or any part of it, except by written permission of the Council.

#### **Service of Notice**

Any notice may be served on a tenant personally or by posting to or leaving it at his last known place of abode or by fixing the same in some conspicuous manner on the allotment.

Signed

Signed

For Wroughton Parish Council

The Tenant

Date

Date