Terms and Condition for Plot Holders

The Applicant having joined SSGAA, will be assigned a plot and having paid the annual rent will be subject to the following terms and conditions

1. Will not use vehicular access to the site. Small agricultural machinery will be permitted under specific circumstances as approved by the committee. Cars will not be parked in any of Slough Lane, Church Close or Willey Road. Access to the Allotment will be from Slough Lane to a hard standing within the plot area. There will be pedestrian access from the village Hall.

2. Will keep the Allotments clean, clear of detritus, well cultivated and fertile. In general this means that at least 75% of the plot must be under cultivation during the growing season (1st April to Sept 30th) and the remainder tidy and free of air born weeds

3. Not cause a nuisance or annoyance to other Plot Holders or immediate neighbours, or obstruct paths

4. Not share or sublet, assign or part with possession of the Allotment or any part of it.

5. Maintain any paths adjacent to the allotment including portions of the common area.

6. Not cut or prune timber. Not take sell or carry away any mineral sand gravel or clay.

7. Ensure that all fruit trees or bushes must not exceed 3 metres from ground level. No ornamental trees or shrubs to be grown in the plot, but flowing plants are permitted

8. Not erect any building on the allotment without the written consent of SSGAA. Dimensions, manufacturer’s specification, colour positioning and rainwater collection provision, along with child safe storage to be agreed by SSGAA in advance of erection. Solid concrete floors are not allowed.

9. Not use barbed or razor wire, glass, galvanised sheeting or carpet on the allotment.

10. Plot Holders will not deposit or allow others to deposit any refuse on the allotment or in hedges or ditches on the allotment or adjoining land.

11. Bonfires will not be permitted.

12. Not bring any dog, or cause any dog to be brought into the Allotment unless the dog is on a leash. To remove any faeces deposited by any dog brought on to the land by the Plot Holder or permitted by the Plot Holder.

13. The Plot Holder understands that SSGAA will not be liable for compensation for any trees or other crops requiring more than twelve months to mature in the event of repossession of the allotment in the case of eviction.

14. When using sprays or fertilisers
   a. Take all reasonable care to ensure that adjoining hedges, trees and crops are not adversely affected and make good or replant if necessary should damage
occur as a result of negligence in this matter. The decision of SSGAA will be final in any disputes that arise.

b. So far as possible select and use chemicals for whatever purpose, that will cause least harm to members of the public and wildlife other than vermin or pests. If in doubt guidance should be sought from SSGAA.

c. Special care should be taken not to cause contamination when taking water from the common supply.

d. Comply at all times with the Health Safety and Risk Assessment rules as posted on the site notice board

e. All green waste must be composted. Brown waste, weed roots and diseased plants must be removed from the site for disposal

15. The Plot holder will not cultivate any genetically modified plants.

16. After the first three months of tenancy and each year thereafter all plots will be inspected during the growing season (1st April to 30th September). SSGAA will hold discussions with those who are falling short of the required standard for cultivation,

17. Any Plot in breach of this agreement agrees that they may be evicted from their plot. Eviction will occur 40 days after notice is received, however it is SSGAA desire to avoid such circumstances through dialogue. If notice of eviction occurs then during the first fourteen days after receiving notice the Plot Holder outlines remedial action to correct the breach, or has offered acceptable reasons for the breach, or has returned to cultivation the notice shall be withdrawn. Acceptable reasons include, temporary absence, illness, family matters. Furthermore this paragraph should only be applied after due consideration of current equal opportunity, disability or other relevant legislation affecting the rights of the Plot Holder.

The proper cultivation or other work required or agreed in response to an eviction notice (in the light of reasons given) must be done or substantially commenced in the first eight weeks following the original notice, otherwise the eviction notice will be enforced.

18. Within 28 days of the termination of the tenancy agreement Plot Holders will make arrangements for the disposal of sheds, tools and crops. If these items are so not removed SSGAA may dispose of them and their safekeeping cannot be guaranteed.

19. The Plot Holder undertakes to return all keys in the event of resignation or eviction from the Allotment.

20. Rents will be due on 1st October each year. If payment is not received by 30th November the Plot holder will be considered to be in breach and the plot deemed vacant to be re-let.