

Rule 11 Change Request for AGM 2024

Proposed:

Plot inspections will be carried out by Committee members four times per season, first during February as a baseline, then during the second weekend of April, June and August prior to Open Day, and results communicated confidentially to individual plot holders. Plot holders who do not meet the criteria and written comments will be **given 14 days to address these or** invited to meet representatives of the sub committee to discuss mitigating circumstances and offered help. Thereafter if the same plot fails to comply with the criteria **on one more occasion in the same season**, written notice will be issued giving 14 days notice to comply, after which time a notice of **lease termination** will be issued in accordance with the current Rules.

Current:

Plot inspections will be carried out by Committee members four times per season, first during February as a baseline, then during the second weekend of April, June and August prior to Open Day, and results communicated confidentially to individual plot holders. Plot holders who do not meet the criteria or written comments will be invited to discuss mitigating circumstances and offered help. Thereafter if the same plot fails to comply with the criteria over two subsequent inspections, including into the following season, written notice will be issued giving 14 days notice to comply, after which time a notice of eviction will be issued in accordance with the current Rules.

Rationale

- Adding a 14 day requirement to address issues allows the Committee to communicate with a member sooner and find out if everything is ok
- Waiting a further two months as currently for a plot to improve or further deteriorate is too long and creates a lot more work if it then changes hands
- The August inspection means any plot with issues can be addressed before Open Day when visitors enjoy our Gardens
- Reducing the number of unsatisfactory inspections per season to two rather than three before lease termination is more realistic as plot upkeep and maintenance is consistent, as per the Rules

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