

## SEVERE WEATHER CONDITIONS: MANAGEMENT OF OUTDOOR SURFACES & GRITTING ON TOWN COUNCIL PREMISES

Under the terms of the Occupiers' Liability Acts 1957 and 1984 the Town Council is responsible for taking all reasonably practicable measures to ensure the safety of all visitors to its premises and open spaces. This includes the need for suitable precautions during severe weather conditions.

The areas covered by this policy are hard surface car parks and hard surface footways to the main entrances of buildings, and the policy has been developed following a review of the existing risk assessment.

In order to comply with the legal requirement in a practical manner, the Town Council's policy with regard to the management of surfaces which may become hazardous due to snow and ice is as follows:

- We **will** inspect hard surface car parks and access ways to buildings daily during severe weather conditions, and will take action as deemed appropriate. This **may** include clearing snow near entrances & disabled car parking spaces, displaying suitable notices, closing car parks, or other measures that may be considered practicable.
- We **will** grit/salt entrances to car parks or footway entrances to buildings, and disabled parking spaces. The remainder of the parking areas or non-essential access routes **will not** be gritted /salted.
- We **will** keep a record of any action taken.

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