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Management of Outdoor Surfaces in Severe Weather Conditions

Under the terms of the Occupiers' Liability Acts 1957 and 1984 the Parish Council is responsible for taking all reasonably practicable measures to ensure the safety of all visitors to its premises and land. 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 Parish Council's policy with regard to the management of surfaces which may become hazardous due to snow and ice is as follows:

- We **will** ensure that areas are well-lit during times of poor visibility when the sites are open, so that obstructions and potential hazards can be seen.

- We **will** inspect hard surface car parks and access ways to buildings daily during severe weather conditions. We will endeavour to clear snow and ice and spread salt/grit on the cleared area to provide a designated pathway to buildings. We may take other action deemed appropriate and this may be displaying suitable notices closing car parks or other measures that may be considered practicable.

- We **will not** grit/salt the remainder of the parking areas or non-essential access routes.

- We **will** keep a log of inspections carried out and any action taken.

- We will close parks with hard surfaces and tennis courts if the surfacing is too icy to be safe