ALL CANNINGS PARISH COUNCIL

SNOW & ICE CLEARANCE POLICY

1. **Statement of Council's Intentions**

All Cannings Parish Council assists all snow and ice clearance activities on a best-efforts basis. As a small parish council with no staff formally employed for activities such as snow and ice clearance, the Council is dependent on Wiltshire Council Highways Authority for the parish of All Cannings (which includes Allington) and on the independent contributions of members of the public, to clear snow and ice in the Parish. Furthermore, since it is subject to supplies of grit salt from outside bodies (principally Wiltshire Council), the Council cannot guarantee that grit salt will always be available for independent members of the public to use. The Parish Council cannot guarantee that snow and ice can be effectively or consistently cleared from the roads and pavements of the Parish but will do its best to assist Wiltshire Council and independent members of the public in their endeavours to clear snow and ice in the Parish.

2. **Snow and Ice Clearance by All Cannings Parish Council**

Given its limited resources, All Cannings Parish Council is unable to clear snow and ice from the Parish itself. Such clearance activities are made by Wiltshire Council, as the highways authority for All Cannings Parish, and by independent members of the public. The Parish Council helps to ensure that grit bins remain filled with grit salt whenever possible. (See Section 4 below). Wiltshire Council is the lead party in dealing with winter maintenance and undertake the clearance of highways as explained at: https://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/highways-gritting-snow-clearance.

All Cannings Parish Council are able to purchase salt bins and regularly review the parishes needs.

Wiltshire Council have an official list (for Snow and Ice Clearance) of those permitted to use machinery to clear the main highways in this area which includes a local farmer.

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3. **Risk Assessment**

The Council have completed a Risk Assessment for snow and ice clearance activities in the Parish. This will be made available to all members of the public via the Village Website: - https://allcannings.org.uk/the-parish-council. It will be reviewed annually.

4. **Supplies of Grit Salt in Grit Bins**

Within the Parish, there are two grit bins provided by Wiltshire Council, one at Cannings Cross and the other close to the canal road Bridge near Byway 28. At present there are none provided by the Parish Council. The Parish Clerk, as Snow Warden for the Parish, will advise Wiltshire Council whenever the Council are made aware that a bin is low on grit salt. Members of the public may also advise Wiltshire Council using the Wiltshire Council app. when they notice that the contents of a bin needs replenishing. The Parish Council will endeavour to ensure that its grit bins remain filled with grit salt. However, the Parish Council are dependent on Wiltshire Council supplying this grit salt and do so by placing an annual order.

Bags of grit salt supplied are stored at a designated location and are available by contacting the Clerk of the Parish Council. Their use is strictly limited to use on highways and public paths and may not be used for private driveways or other personal use.

Misused or damaged grit bins should be reported to the Clerk of the Parish Council.

5. **Limitations in Extreme Bad Weather**

In extreme weather conditions where transport is difficult or dangerous, it may not be possible to supply new grit salt in the Parish, even if such grit salt is in the stores of the Parish Council. Furthermore, in very low temperatures the effectiveness of grit salt is significantly reduced.

6. **Regular Review and Publication of this Policy**

This Policy will be reviewed annually. It will be posted on the Village Website and be available for inspection by members of the public upon application to the Parish Clerk.

ADVICE FOR VOLUNTEER SNOW CLEARERS

It is for the public to decide when and if they wish to clear a highway or footpath using grit salt from the bins or available from the Parish Council.

A snow clearer does have a duty to clear with reasonable care so as not to create a new and worse risk.

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Do's

• Follow any Wiltshire Council advice

• Move snow to a porous surface such as grass verge or garden

• Spread salt / grit evenly and at the appropriate spread rates

• Clear any excess salt or grit once the snow/ice has melted.

Don'ts

• Use water to melt snow and ice if there is a risk it will refreeze

• Move snow to a location where it will create another risk such as another part of the pavement, road or where people are likely to walk.

• Use excessive salt, grit or other material so as to create a new or worse risk.

Further details for snow clearance can be found at: - **https://www.gov.uk/clear-snow-road-path-cycleway.**

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