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TOWN COUNCIL GRITTING POLICY

During winter weather conditions, it is the Town Council's policy to maintain certain safe surfaces within the grounds of The Hall and Saxon Hall during the hours these premises are open to the public; provided resources are available to undertake this work.

The objective of the Town Council is to initiate and manage procedures for dealing with weather emergencies, enabling as far as reasonably practicable, the safe movement of traffic and people to and from the Town Hall and Saxon Hall.

At times of predicted low temperatures the Town Council aims to provide a gritting service enabling as far as is reasonably practicable the safe movement of traffic and people along the following routes:

- The pathway leading directly to the Saxon Hall from the road;
- The front path from the gate to the doors at the Town Hall;
- The path leading off the car park to the rear of the Town Hall;
- The path from the Town Hall side door to Thorpe Street
- That part of the roadway leading to the Saxon Hall car park which is on an incline.
- That all routes from Fire Escapes will be gritted, ensuring the routes are safe in the event of an evacuation.

Note: the pathway to the Millennium Gate will not be maintained and when conditions dictate, the gate will be shut and a notice that the pathway is closed exhibited adjacent to the Town Hall car park.

The Council has agreed that the Clerk will designate a member of staff to be site manager who will provide a standby and basic facility during the winter months.

Salting will be carried out based on current climatic conditions and information received from weather forecasts.

In certain circumstances, it may be necessary to apply salt after the formation of ice due to unforeseen circumstances such as burst water mains for example.

For precautionary salting, response and treatment times will be during the hour's buildings are open to the public.

When snow falls and accumulates on surfaces within the grounds of The Hall and Saxon Hall, snow will only be removed on those routes indicated above. Salt will be spread to help melt the snow and prevent ice forming.

Evelyn Walk is to be gritted in icy conditions only, as determined by the Clerk.

This is not an absolute duty and will be given the qualification of "when reasonable and practical".

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To be reviewed as required.