GARTON ON THE WOLDS PARISH COUNCIL

General Risk Assessment and Safe Working Method for Snow and Ice Clearance

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| **Assessed by :** Catherine Simpson | **Date :** 6th February 2019 | **Planned Review** : February 2020 |
| **Task / Operation and Location :**  Snow and ice clearance along designated footpaths | | |
| **Signature**  **Position Clerk Date 2nd August 2017** | | |

RISK ASSESSMENT

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| **Hazards identified** | **Risk rating** | |
|  | **Without controls** | **With controls** |
| a) Untreated snow or ice on walkways  b) Snow and ice clearance / treatment activities | High  High | Low  Low |
| **Potential for harm**  Potential physical injury including broken / fractured bones, to any persons on site through slips and falls on untreated snow or ice.  Potential risk of physical strain and injury to contractor and others from snow-clearing activities, and manual handling of bags of sand, salt, or grit, etc.  Lone-working risk to contractor if alone on site in the early morning, clearing overnight snow etc. | | |
| **Persons at risk**  General Public  Contractor | **Number of persons at risk**  All potentially at risk, but increased risk to any elderly and / or infirm. | |
| The above Risk Assessment has been completed in accordance with the management of Health and Safety Policy. The risk potential has been deduced from analysis of the significant hazards identified and using the following criteria:· Number of persons at risk, the severity of harm and the  probability of an event occurring. | | |

SAFE WORKING METHOD

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| **Control measures to be used**  Volunteers to treat the primary footpaths affected by severe ice / snow with salt and grit as early as reasonably possible on a weekly rota basis to be agreed.  Stock of sand, salt, and grit etc. to be maintained by the PC (in advance of the winter weather), and to be stored at Ms Alison Botten’s premises.  Suitable equipment is readily available to minimise manual-handling activities – e.g. wheelbarrow, sack-barrow, pedestrian spreader.  Lone-working ' control ' - if attending the village footpaths alone in the early morning to treat overnight snow and ice, the volunteer has a mobile phone and presence on site is known to a member of family; in addition, the volunteer can contact the Parish Clerk or designated Councillor by phone. |
| **Personal Protective Equipment Required**  Hi-vis vest; boots, warm gloves & clothing, protective clothing from the weather, protective gloves against the salt to be worn by the volunteer and any other persons assisting. |
| **Training Requirements**  Ready availability of a stock of salt / sand / grit, and application equipment together with on-site instructions to volunteer and others about manual-handling - e.g. when clearing snow, lifting and handling bags of salt and grit etc. |
| **Safe Working Method**  Lifting and handling of 20-25 kg. bags of sand, grit and rock-salt, etc. must be minimised by the use of a sack-barrow, and transfer of the loose materials into the pedestrian spreader or wheelbarrow.  Volunteer must carry a mobile phone and inform another person when working alone. The other person must know who to contact in case of accident or emergency.  Volunteer to ensure that suitable 'breaks' are taken when undertaking heavy or continuous manual work, that suitable PPE is being worn. |

Adopted by Garton on the Wolds Parish Council on the 2nd August 2017

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