

## **SNOW PLAN – THORVERTON PARISH COUNCIL (adopted December 2020)**

### Purpose

1. This document sets out the actions that Thorverton Parish Council intends to put in place for operation in the event of snow or ice. The actions are aimed at allowing traffic to come into and out of the village centre, in particular so that people may travel to and from work; to keep paths and roads to the school, shop and post office open; and to assist vulnerable people who are in need of help. The Council acknowledges that it would be unrealistic to aim to keep every road and path open, so some prioritisation will be necessary.

### Responsibilities

2. The snow warden (currently Neville Matthews) is responsible for:

- reviewing the stocks of salt in the salt bins and stored at Bidwell Barton and, if necessary, for ordering further supplies through the clerk;
- reviewing the state of the grit bins and advising the Clerk if any are damaged and need replacing;
- ensuring that there are sufficient snow shovels, reflective jackets and head torches, and that these are easily accessible in the event of snow;
- receiving and responding to weather alerts;
- distributing salt to ensure as far as practicable that the priority routes are kept clear;
- organising any helpers in clearing snow and ice, and ensuring that they are properly briefed.

3. Resident Colin Marshall is also trained as a volunteer, including training which permits him to work on the highway if necessary. He would deputise for the snow warden should the snow warden be absent at the time of an incident.

4. The Parish Council is responsible for:

- ensuring that a trained snow warden is in place and that there is someone who can deputise if necessary;
- bringing the snow plan and the prioritisation within it to the attention of parishioners;
- ensuring that stocks of salt are maintained and that damaged grit bins are replaced;
- obtaining further equipment as necessary to support the snow warden and any volunteers;
- responding to any requests from vulnerable people for help, for example with delivery of urgent supplies;
- ensuring that any messages about a snow situation are broadcast to the community;
- periodically reviewing the snow plan and revising it as appropriate.

5. Devon County Council's Highways team is responsible for keeping main roads clear, as far as is reasonably practicable. We understand that in practice this will usually include gritting from the bus stop near Broadlands, down Bullen Street and Silver Street to the A396.

### Location of salt bins

6. Salt bins are located at:

- Quarry Car Park (in the car park and on the verge at its entrance)
- Sheep Dip in Dinneford Street
- Top of Bullen Hill, at junction with Raddon Road
- Top of The Glebe

- Cleaves Steps (Lynch Road)
- In the Memorial Hall car park
- Bullens Close
- Top of Jericho Street
- Broadlands
- Ashley, on the road towards Cadbury

#### Priority routes

7. For the Parish Council, under the snow warden's leadership, priority routes to be cleared are as follows:

- Bullen Street hill can be treacherous when covered in snow or in particular by ice. If DCC Highways fails to keep this route clear, the snow warden should arrange clearance.
- The small section of School Lane between The Bury and the school should be kept clear unless it is known that school will be closed.
- The small section of Lynch Road from the top of Bullen Street into the car park and post office.

Keeping these routes clear will be a priority to be addressed by the snow warden and any volunteers (unless of course DCC Highways manages to keep them clear).

#### Action to assist vulnerable people

8. If a covering of snow or ice is only expected to last for a day or two it will usually be appropriate to advise vulnerable people to stay at home and not venture out. However, should the covering continue for a longer period some vulnerable people may run short of supplies of basic foodstuffs or medicines. In most circumstances we would expect a neighbour to be able to help the vulnerable person, however, if that is not feasible then the vulnerable person requiring help may call the snow warden to request assistance.

#### Contact numbers

Devon County Council Highways	0345 155104
Snow warden (Neville Matthews)	01392 861333
Volunteer helper (Colin Marshall)	01392 861228
Clerk to the Parish Council (Alison Marshall)	01392 861228
Parish Council Emergency Plan Lead (John Hodge)	01392 860088
Parish Council Chairman (Neville Lane)	01392 861062 or 07496 392106
Volunteers: Pete Marshall, Silver Street. Sam Fice, Cleaves Close.	