CRINGLEFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Winter Maintenance Policy

Cringleford Parish Council (CPC) is committed to ensuring that adequate steps are taken to keep parishioners safe within the village. The objective of this policy is to provide the public with an overview of the Council's position and responsibilities with regard to inclement winter weather.

Gritting of roads.

The responsibility for gritting the highways is with Norfolk County Council (NCC). The gritting map can be viewed at www.norfolk.gov.uk/gritting. NCC have a 3 hour gritting run which covers a total of 2,081 miles on A, B and some C class roads - commuter and major bus routes and as far as is possible one route into all villages. The Parish Council can suggest changes to routes but all decisions are made by NCC.

Grit Bins.

Grit bins are purchased by the Parish Council and filled by NCC free of charge at the commencement of each winter. Currently the bins are located in the following areas:

Road Name	Exact Location	
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1	Intwood Road	Inside the loke
2	Intwood Road	Inside gate at Cringleford Business Centre
3	Keswick Road	Cross road with Intwood Road
4	Brettlingham Avenue	Junction of Langley Close
5	Brettlingham Avenue	Top of Cantley Lane
6	Taylor Avenue	Near Meadway
7	Armitage Close	By Siddell Close
8	Village green	Outside old school
9	Colney Lane	Top of Gilbert Way
10	Colney Lane	Bottom of Newfound Drive
11	Colney Lane	Top of Oaklands Drive
12	Colney Lane	Gurney Lane
13	Dragonfly Lane	Adjacent to notice board /
		roundabout
14	Oriole Drive	On grass
15	Newmarket Road	Outside 80
16	Cringleford Chase	Outside 16

When CPC receives requests for additional grit bins the location, cost and need are considered by the Recreation and Amenities Group, who put a recommendation forward to full Council.

The grit bins are available for any parishioners to use, to make the footpaths or roads safer in icy weather. Residents are asked to only take the minimum amount that is required as there is no guarantee when NCC will be able to refill it again.

The Parish Council does not have responsibility for gritting footpaths. Parishioners carry out gritting at their own risk and are recommend to follow the following safety advice:-

- Only spread the grit when there are no vehicles or pedestrians about;
- Wear bright clothing to ensure that you can be seen easily;
- Don't assume that the road or footway is safe just because you have spread the grit;
- Look after the environment use the minimum grit necessary. A shovel full of grit will be sufficient for 20-30sq.m of road.

Quarterly visual checks will be carried out by CPC staff to ensure that the grit bins are in a safe condition.

Parish Assets

The Parish Council owns the Pavilion at the recreation ground, The Willow Centre on Willowcroft Way and The Jubilee Centre on Walpole Crescent. During periods of cold and icy weather the exterior areas of all buildings are used at parishioner / hirers risks. CPC will not carry out any gritting..