

Local Winter Management Plan For Fulking – October 2012

West Sussex County Council has divided the County into regions for the purposes of identifying precautionary salting networks. Fulking lies within the Inland Area Weather Domain on Salting Network Route E. Currently, the main street through Fulking is identified as Priority 3 for salting. Clappers Lane is not included as part of the salting network. During the previous severe winter, salt supplies ran low and the main Fulking road was not gritted. The village did not have a grit bin or any other supplies of salt or grit. The winter management plan is an attempt to address these shortfalls. The numbered sections below are the themes identified by West Sussex County Council Highways.

1. Communication

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2. Daily Decision Report

The Daily Decision report is issued by WSCC's Winter Service Duty Manager between 1 November and 31 March. It details which parts of the 'Precautionary network' is to be treated and includes weather forecasts for all regions within West Sussex.

Daily Decision to be sent to the Parish Clerk –

email andreadicksonfpc@gmail.com

Actions to be taken if adverse weather predicted:

- a) Decide if contracted farmer should be put on stand-by to clear the agreed roads of snow. The next decision of whether to go ahead with using the snow plough will be based on whether the snow is deep enough and the roads are not obstructed by stranded or badly parked vehicles. Councillor Michael Trist will contact Farmer David Ellin.
- b) Check that the grit bins have sufficient salt. (Volunteers to keep Clerk informed on levels)?
- c) Decide if 4 X 4 volunteers are needed (e.g. to get medication or food basics for local residents) and alert volunteers.

3. Road Problem Areas

The following areas have been identified as likely to cause problems in icy or snowy conditions.

- a) Hill running west from Shepherd & Dog pub in The Street to Perching Manor Farmhouse in Edburton Road.
Problem: hill, bend and surface water commonly accumulates.
- b) Hill running up east from Shepherd & Dog pub to Primrose Cottage in The Street.
Problem: hill and tight bend.
- c) Southern end of Clappers Lane towards junction with The Street
Problem: hill and tight bend.

- d) Hill running south from Sunnyacres in Clappers Lane. Problem: hill.
- e) Hill running north from Badgerwood Stables in Clappers Lane. Problem: hill.
- f) Junction of northern end of Clappers Lane starting from junction with Holmbush Lane running to junction with Henfield A281 road.
Problem: hill and junction to busy road.

4. Location of Grit Bins

Five grit bins have been installed at the following locations:

- A. The Street at the junction with Stammers Hill.
 - 1. -deals with problem road area 3 (a) and (b)
- B. The Street outside Fulking Cottage
 - 1. -deals with problem road area 3 (c)
- C. Clappers Lane outside Sunnyacres.
 - 1. -deals with problem road area 3 (d)
- D. Clappers Lane outside Furzefield.
 - 1. -deals with problem road area 3 (e)
- E. Clappers Lane junction of Holmbush Lane
 - 1. -deals with problem road area 3 (f)

5. 4x4 volunteers

As a small village there is close contact between residents and a large number of 4x4 vehicles. There is an informal network of support. The PC will continue to review whether it will be necessary in the future to define a more formal system.

6. Snow Clearing by Local Farmer.

The local farm, Perching Manor Farm, has agreed that it is willing to clear snow from the roads in Fulking. They have confirmed that they have public liability insurance. As the farmer does not own a snow plough attachment and the PC does not have the funds to buy one, the PC is requesting the loan of a snow plough attachment from WSCC. Photos of the type of snow plough attachment that WSCC can loan have been shown to the farmer who has confirmed that it is suitable for his vehicle. The farmer has also signed the Snowplough Agreement supplied by WSCC. It is understood that the arrangement is on the basis that WSCC will fund the farmer clearing snow from the main road through Fulking, with the Parish Council funding clearing snow from Clappers Lane.

It has been agreed to have 3-4 additional bulk bags delivered to the farm for storage. The grit will be distributed to the grit bins on an as/when required basis.

Farm Perching Manor farm

Contact Farm Manager, David Ellin. 01273 857122 or 07808742223

Roads to be cleared:

Main road through Fulking – The Street extending to Edburton Road in the west to the boundary with Edburton and extending to Poynings Road in the east to the boundary with Poynings. (Note this refers to the same road but the name of the road changes as it passes through Fulking.)

Clappers Lane.

Fulking Parish Council Grit Bins

<u>Grit Bin Number</u>	<u>Covers Problem Area/s</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Contact</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Key?</u>
1	<p>a Hill running west from Shepherd & Dog to Perching manor farmhouse, Edburton Road (problem tight bend, surface water)</p> <p>b Hill running east from Shepherd & Dog to Primrose Cottage, The Street, (problem hill and tight bend)</p>	The Street, junction with Stammers Hill	John Hazard 857957	Laurel House	
2	c Southern end of Clappers Lane towards the junction with The Street. (problem hill and tight bend)	The Street, junction with Clappers Lane	Joanna Cairns 857540	Fulking Farmhouse	
3	d Hill running south of Sunnyacres. (problem hill)	Clappers Lane, outside Sunnyacres	Phil Milward 857092	Sunnyacres	
4	e Hill running north of Badgerwood Stables.	Clappers Lane, outside Furzefield	Pam Rowland	Furzefield	

	(problem hill)		857271		
5	f Junction of A281 on to Clappers Lane down to Holmbush Lane. Problem hill and junction to busy road)	Clappers Lane, junction of Holmbush Lane	Andy Richardson 857512	Little Holmbush	
When grit is low contact Andrea Dickson Parish Clerk on 01444 451060					
Emergency highways number is 01243 642105					