

## **REPORT TO THE RESOURCES COMMITTEE (adopted 14<sup>th</sup> April 2010)**

### **Snow Clearance**

At its Meeting on 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2010 the Resources Committee discussed whether the Town Council should clear snow in some areas or whether such intervention might lead to the Council being held responsible for any accident that occurred. Members agreed that it would be a safer environment for the snow to be cleared but were mindful of the Town Council's limited resources. It was agreed that a risk assessment be undertaken for the clearing of snow at the Town Hall and humped backed bridges on the River Walk.

### **Town Hall**

The public pavement in front of the Town Hall is the responsibility of Essex County Council and any snow clearance and gritting should be left to it. Our Operatives will clear, salt and grit the driveway leading from Newland Street to our car park and a walkway leading to the side entrance to the Town Hall and to the kitchen. That should minimise the risk of slipping by staff and visitors to the Town Hall. It is not considered necessary to clear the whole car park. This work should take priority over the bridges (see below).

### **Bridges**

There are four humped backed bridges on the River Walk:

One near Laurence Avenue leading across the river to Maldon Park Road. This is probably the most used of the four and the most hazardous given that it is shaded by large trees.

Two between Bridge Street and Guithavon Road. It is possible to pass along the River Walk between Bridge Street and Guithavon Road without using either of these bridges: they merely make interesting detours across the river. One of them might be used by students from Maltings Academy taking a short cut to Mill Lane. However, during severe snow the Academy is likely to be closed: it was on 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> January.

One near Bramble Road.

All four bridges will be cleared of snow, salted and gritted, but, if resource constraints so dictate, the priority order will be: first, the bridge near Laurence Avenue; second, the bridge near Bramble Road: last, the two bridges between Bridge Street and Guithavon Road.

Six bags of salt and grit have been ordered and will be held by the Operatives and replenished as they are used.

The Resources Committee is invited to note and endorse the above.

Audrey Harrington (Mrs)

Town Clerk

11<sup>th</sup> February 2010