



## Hordle Parish Council Safeguarding Policy

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### **Background**

Hordle Parish Council accepts that Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility and this policy explains how the Parish Council will discharge this duty. The Parish Council do not currently provide any care or sessions directly to the public; if this situation changes this policy should be revised before sessions are provided.

### **Aims**

To ensure everyone, especially vulnerable adults and children and young people\*, are protected and safeguarded while using Parish Council land and facilities.

### **What the Parish Council will do:**

#### **1. Persons under 18.**

Ensure that all persons under the age of 18 are accompanied by a responsible adult at all times.

#### **2. Play Areas and Parish Council Land**

Ensure play areas and facilities provided for Children and Young People are subject to overlooking and informal supervision. Any new play areas/ facilities for young people to take this into account at design stage.

Ensure Parish Council staff report any safeguarding incidents or concerns to the Parish Clerk who will ensure a contemporaneous record is made. The Parish Clerk to take advice from Hampshire County Council Adult or Children's services and make a referral or report to police if appropriate.

#### **3. Hirers of Parish Council land and facilities.**

Ensure regular hirers of Parish Council land and facilities have Safeguarding Policies and Procedures in place for children and young people and/ or vulnerable adults, as appropriate. This is to be checked as part of the terms and conditions of hire or lease/ license arrangements and a copy of the policy requested and kept on file in line with GDPR.

### **Definitions**

*Children and Young People – anyone under the age of 18.*

*Vulnerable Adult – anyone over 18 who is unable to care for themselves, unable to protect themselves from significant harm or exploitation, or may be in need of community services.*