



BLIDWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

Safeguarding Policy

Everyone has a duty to safeguard children, young people and vulnerable adults. Blidworth Parish Council is committed to ensuring that children and vulnerable adults are protected and kept safe from harm whilst they are engaged in any activity associated with the Parish Council.

Children, young people and vulnerable adults have the right to participate, have fun and be safe in the services provided for them and the activities they choose, or their parents/carers choose for them.

We will endeavour to keep children, young people and vulnerable adults safe from abuse and suspicion of abuse will be responded to promptly and appropriately. We will act in the best interest of the child, young person or vulnerable adult at all times.

We will proactively seek to promote the welfare and protection of all children, young people and vulnerable adult's permanent residents or temporarily living in the community at all times.

Our Objective:

- ✓ To ensure that where possible all facilities and activities offered by the Parish Council are designed and maintained to limit risk to children and vulnerable adults.
- ✓ To promote the general welfare, health and development of children by being aware of child protection issues and to be able to respond where appropriate as a local government organisation.
- ✓ To ensure that unsuitable people are prevented from working with children, young people and vulnerable adults through using a safe recruitment and selection processes.
- ✓ To not tolerate harassment of any service user, employee, volunteer or child/vulnerable adult who raises concerns of abuse.
- ✓ Ensuring that whilst Council members are unlikely to be involved with children during the performance of their duties they are mindful of the risk they face.
- ✓ Decisions on whether any person should be CRB checked will be made by the Council or the Chairman after consultation with the Clerk following a Risk Assessment of the activity concerned.



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Our Responsibilities and Procedures:

As the Parish Council does not directly provide care of supervision services to children and vulnerable adults, it expects all children and vulnerable adults using its facilities to do so with the consent and the necessary supervision of a parent, carer or other responsible adult.

All new Councillors are to be provided with a copy of the Safeguarding Policy and are required to acknowledge they will abide by it. Having read the Policy, they should be proactive in providing a safe environment for children and vulnerable people who are involved in Parish Council activities.

In the event of a contractor working directly for the Parish Council, being deemed to be working in any area where children or vulnerable adults may be at risk, then that contractor will be asked to provide their Safeguarding Policy.

Any organisation which may make contact with children or vulnerable adults shall be required to show proof of its own appropriate Safeguarding Policy before being allowed to participate in the use of any council owned facilities.

Any concerns will be brought to the attention of the Parish Clerk on 01623 490358 or blidworthpc@btconnect.com who will report the concern to Nottinghamshire County Council Children's Service or Adult Services departments.

Those raising the concern must be made aware that the concern will be shared with appropriate people, but will be treated in confidence as far as possible.

Officers, employees and volunteers must not discuss the concern except with the designated officer and any agent of the organisation responsible for investigating the concern.

If after reading this Policy, you have any concerns or questions please send an e-mail to the Clerk at blidworthpc@btconnect.com or write to us at:-

Blidworth Parish Council, Blidworth Leisure Centre, Belle Vue Lane, Blidworth, Notts, NG1 0RD

This Safeguarding Policy was adopted by Blidworth Parish Council on the 18th January 2018