

Safeguarding Policy for Osgathorpe Parish Council

Policy Statement

In the interests of child protection and the welfare and protection of adults at risk, Osgathorpe Parish Council is committed to ensuring that children and adults at risk are protected and kept safe from harm whilst they are engaged in any activity associated with the Parish Council.

Definitions

For definition and further information on types of abuse refer to Leicestershire and Rutland online procedures:

[Definitions of Child Abuse and Neglect](#)

[Types and Patterns of Abuse and Neglect – Adults](#)

Policy 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 adults at risk.
- 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 develop procedures in recording and responding to accidents and complaints and to alleged or suspected incidents of abuse and neglect.

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

Aims

The aim of this policy document is to guide members of Osgathorpe Parish Council should any child protection issue or any issues with adults at risk arise during their work.

Responsibilities & Procedures

The nominated person will be appointed from within the Council and his/her responsibilities will include:

- Ensuring that before any Parish Council organised event with children or adults at risk, the participants briefed appropriately.
- Ensuring that members are aware of the risk they may face in certain circumstances whilst carrying out their duties.
- 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.
- All new Councillors are to be provided with a copy of the safeguarding document.
- Councillors will adhere to the following:
 - A minimum of two adults present when supervising children at any Parish Council organised event.
 - Not to play physical contact games.
 - Adults to wear appropriate clothing at all times.
 - Ensure that accidents are recorded in an accident book.
 - Never do anything of a personal nature for a young person.
- Keep records in an incident book of any allegations a young person may make to any committee member or volunteer.

- If there is a child abuse incident it should be reported to the nominated person responsible for safeguarding who will be responsible for ensuring the matter is raised with the Leicestershire First Response Children's Duty Team for further action as appropriate.
- Facilities offered by the Parish Council have been inspected on a regular basis and at least annually by a competent person.
- Sharing information about child protection and good practice with partner organisations, councillors, employees, volunteers, parents and carers.
- Any organisation which may make contact with children or adults at risk 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.

Declaration

Osgathorpe Parish Council is fully committed to safeguarding the well-being of children and adults at risk by protecting them from physical, sexual, emotional harm and neglect. All members of Osgathorpe Parish Council should read the Safeguarding Policy. Having read the Policy, they should be proactive in providing a safe environment for children and adults at risk who are involved in Parish Council activities.

Safeguarding Contact Details

For urgent concerns about a child who needs a social worker or police officer today, contact First Response Children's Duty Team at Leicestershire County Council: 0116 305 0005 (24 hr phone line).

All safeguarding adult referrals should be made to Leicestershire Adult Social Care: 0116 305 0004 (Monday to Thursday, 8.30am to 5pm, Friday 8.30am to 4.30pm). Emergency Duty Team: 0116 255 1606 (Evenings, weekends, Bank Holidays) or the allocated Social Worker.

Leicestershire Police – 101

NSPCC Helpline – 0808 800 5000

You should always call 999 in an emergency – for example when someone's life is at risk or someone is seriously injured or critically ill.

Safeguarding Officer: Martin Buczkiewics, Chair Osgathorpe Parish Council

Signed:Martin Buczkiewics

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