



PARISH
COUNCIL

*Children and Adults at Risk
Safeguarding Policy*

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Hilton Parish Council Child and Adults at Risk Safeguarding Policy

The aim of this policy is to protect the safety and well-being of everyone coming into contact with **Hilton Parish Council**.

General principles:

- The welfare of children and adults at risk is paramount.
- Anyone under the age of 18 years is considered to be a child.
- The Care Act (2014) defines safeguarding as "protecting an adult's right to live in safety, free from abuse and neglect." Adult safeguarding responsibilities are due to any adult who:
 - has needs for care and support (whether or not the local authority is meeting any of those needs),
 - is experiencing, or at risk of, abuse and neglect and
 - as a result of their care and support needs, is unable to protect themselves from the risk or experience of abuse and neglect.
- All children and adults at risk without exception, have the right to protection from abuse and for their rights, feelings and views to be respected.
- Allegations of abuse will be taken seriously and responded to swiftly and appropriately.

In line with these principles the Parish Council when organising or hosting activities will aim to:

- Create a healthy and safe environment for all activities, whereby children and adults at risk feel safe and secure at all times,
- Promote the general welfare, health and full development of children and adults at risk during activities on Council premises or premises hired by the Council for such activities,
- Promote and implement appropriate procedures to safeguard the wellbeing of children and adults at risk and protect them from abuse,
- Respect the rights, wishes and feelings of children and adults at risk and ensure that they are listened to,
- Ensure that any allegations made are not allowed to go unchallenged, and that any allegations and suspicions are investigated, recorded and acted upon promptly.

Hilton Parish Council will take appropriate proactive steps to,

- Ensure that all new councillors/employees/volunteers where appropriate will be provided with training and a signed copy of this policy to confirm that they understand it and will abide by it
- Ensure that councillors, staff and volunteers are well informed, maintain high standards and observe best safeguarding practice.
- Ensure that all new councillors/employees/volunteers who will work with, or come into contact with, children and adults at risk in the course of their work activities are subject to appropriate checks under the current Disclosure and Barring Service guidelines.
- Ensure that procedures are put in place to enable the aims of the Parish Council to be met and to initiate appropriate action should any allegation of improper conduct be made.
- Ensure all hirers using council facilities that provide activities or services for children and adults at risk - other than for private hire for family & friends - are asked to produce a suitable Children and Adults at Risk Safeguarding policy or adopt the Parish Council's policy

To achieve this, the Council will appoint a named person responsible for implementing this policy. That person is *Nigel di Castiglione – Clerk to Hilton Parish Council*

This policy will be reviewed at suitable intervals or in line with any changes in legislation as advised by the Clerk to the council.