

Ringshall Parish Council Safeguarding Children, Young People and Vulnerable Adults Policy

Everyone has a duty to safeguard children, young people and vulnerable adults. Ringshall Parish Council (RPC) is committed to maintaining the welfare of people whilst they are using the Parish Council facilities described within this policy.

This policy applies to anyone working for or on behalf of the Parish Council whether in a paid, voluntary or commissioned capacity.

The children's play area will be situated adjacent to Ringshall Village Hall, and will be owned by Ringshall Parish Council, on land that is leased by Ringshall Parish Council. The Village Hall is owned by the Parish Council but is run by a Management Committee of Trustees who are responsible for the day to day running of the hall and its long term viability.

Ringshall Parish Council has no specific person, either Councillors or staff members who are involved in the care of children or adults at the facilities listed above, but will ensure that, should a concern arise, the correct procedures related to this policy are followed.

Definitions

Children and young people: Anyone under the age of 18 years

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 care services

Safeguarding: Essentially, protecting children and adults at risk from ill treatment and harm.

To whom this policy applies

- This policy applies to anyone working for or on behalf of the Parish Council whether in a paid, voluntary or commissioned capacity, for example contracted to do a piece of work.
- It also applies to any individual using the Parish Council facilities.

Promoting a safe environment

In order to promote a safe environment for children, young people and vulnerable adults, the Parish Council will:

- Provide safe facilities and do regular safety assessments.
- Display on notice boards the relevant safeguarding contacts for advice and help.

- Ensure that employees, Councillors and leaders of activities using parish council facilities are aware of safeguarding expectations.

Code of Conduct of all users of Parish Facilities

All users of Parish Facilities are expected to adhere to the following code of conduct:

- Ensure that communications, behaviour and interaction with users should be appropriate and professional.
- Treat each other with respect and show consideration for other groups using the facilities.
- Refrain from any behaviour that involves racism, sexism and bullying and in addition to report any instances of such behaviour to group leaders, parish councillors, the parish clerk or parents and carers, as appropriate.

All staff and volunteers coming in to contact with children need to have an awareness of safeguarding. Free introductory online training or more specific face to face safeguarding training can be booked at: www.suffolkscb.org.uk

All agencies working with children are recommended to follow the multi-agency procedures at: www.suffolkscb.org.uk

Useful Safeguarding Contact Details

Contact	Website / email contact	Telephone
Multi-Agency Safeguarding Form can be completed	https://suffolksp.org.uk/concerned/#Public Online referrals can be made from here	0808 800 4005 (Freephone)
Local Authority Designated Officer To report an allegation against a person in a position of trust	LADOCentral@suffolk.gov.uk	0300 123 2044 (central Number)

Suffolk Safeguarding Children Board (SSCB) – For general safeguarding issues and training please contact the SSCB team

Contact	Email	Telephone
Suffolk Safeguarding Children Board (SSCB)	lscbcommunication@suffolk.gov.uk	01473 265359
Website: www.suffolkscb.org.uk		

If you think a child, young person, or vulnerable adult is in immediate danger – don't delay, call the police on 999

Declaration

Ringshall Parish Council is fully committed to safeguarding the well-being of children and vulnerable adults. All members of Ringshall Parish Council should read the Safeguarding Policy. 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.

This policy will be reviewed and if needed, updated, annually at the March meeting.

Signed:  RPC Chairman Christopher Payne

Date: 27th September 2022