

## FULBOURN PARISH COUNCIL



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## SAFEGUARDING POLICY

Fulbourn Parish Council acknowledges the duty of care to safeguard and promote the welfare of children, young people and adults using or receiving services provided or commissioned by Fulbourn Parish Council.

The purpose of this Policy is to protect and promote the welfare of the children, young people and adults using or receiving services provided or commissioned by Fulbourn Parish Council and support the Council, its officers, elected members and volunteers in fulfilling their statutory responsibilities. Fulbourn Parish Council is not a Children's Services Authority and it is not the role of the Council to investigate allegations of abuse. However all Elected Members, employees, volunteers and contracted service providers have a clear responsibility to take action when they suspect or recognise that a child, young person, or vulnerable adult may be a victim of significant harm or abuse.

### **Promoting a safe environment**

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

- Provide safe facilities and undertake regular safety assessment.
- Maintain channels of communication with leaders of groups involving children, young people and vulnerable adults through the Parish Council's representatives on the Youth Committee.
- Endeavour to keep service users safe from abuse. Suspicion of abuse will be responded to promptly and appropriately.
- Seek to promote the welfare and protection of all children, young people and vulnerable adults living in Fulbourn at all times.
- Deal with any concern raised by a Member, employee, volunteer or contracted service provider or member of the public appropriately and sensitively.
- Not tolerate harassment of any Member, employee, volunteer, contracted service provider or child, young person or vulnerable adult who raises concerns of abuse or neglect.
- Prevent abuse by using good practice to create a safe and healthy environment and avoid situations where abuse or allegations of abuse could occur.

**Hiring of facilities to groups for use with children, young people or vulnerable adults when group leaders have regular and substantial access and parents/carers are not present**

Hirers must satisfy the lettings clerk that:

- Adequate adult supervision is to be provided
- They are aware of the Code of Conduct for parish facilities and are prepared to comply with it.

**MONITORING AND REVIEW**

This Policy will be reviewed annually or in the following circumstances:

- changes in legislation and/or governance guidance
- as a result of any other significant change or event

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