

OTTERHAMPTON PARISH COUNCIL

Safeguarding Policy

Statement

Whilst Otterhampton Parish Council (OPC) does not employ staff or volunteers to work with children, young people or vulnerable adults, it does have responsibility for promoting the welfare and safeguarding within its Parish Council facilities, where all sectors of the community have access to use.

OPC will give equal priority to keeping all children, young people and vulnerable adults safe regardless of their age, disability, gender reassignment, race, religion or belief, sex, or sexual orientation.

Scope

This policy applies to anyone working for or on behalf of OPC whether in a paid, voluntary or commissioned capacity, for example contracted to do a piece of work. It also applies to any individual using OPC facilities for the purpose of delivering any service to children, young people or vulnerable adults. All of these people have a duty of care to safeguard the welfare of children and prevent their abuse.

Our Policy

As part of our safeguarding policy, we will:

- promote and prioritise the safety and wellbeing of children, young people and vulnerable adults
- value, listen to and respect children, young people and vulnerable adults
- ensure robust safeguarding arrangements and procedures are in operation
- adopt safeguarding best practice through our policies and procedures.
- ensure everyone understands their roles and responsibilities in respect of safeguarding in connection with OPC facilities.
- ensure appropriate action is taken in the event of incidents or concerns of abuse and support provided to the individual(s) who raise or disclose the concern
- make sure that children, young people and their parents know where to go for help if they have a concern

In order to promote a safe environment for children, young people and vulnerable adults, the OPC will provide safe facilities and do regular safety assessments.

This policy is adopted by Otterhampton Parish Council as part of its Governance.

This policy will be reviewed a year after development and then every three years, or in the following circumstances:

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

This policy was developed on 1st May 2021

Signed Original signed by B Birkenhead (Vice-Chair)

Date: 3 June 2021

Contact details

Our Safeguarding/Welfare Officer, will, in the first instance be the Parish Clerk.

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