

Nash Parish Council SAFEGUARDING POLICY

Protecting young people and vulnerable adults

Context and Scope

Nash Parish Council is committed to ensuring the well being of all young people and vulnerable adults in its parish. This policy outlines how the council complies with the relevant legislation and how council personnel work to safeguard and protect the interest of vulnerable members of the parish.

For the purpose of this policy, young people are defined as people below the age of 18. However, the measures in this policy will also be used by the council to protect the interest of adults with special educational needs who are not in a position to protect their own rights, and other vulnerable adults, such as those with mental health difficulties.

This policy is approved by the Nash Parish Council and is reviewed by each council at the commencement of its new term.

Values

Core values underpin this policy. All council members will adhere to the following principles:

1. The welfare of the young person or adult is paramount
2. Everyone including young people and vulnerable adults has a right to be treated with respect and dignity
3. All council members have a responsibility to protect young people and vulnerable adults from harm
4. All young people and vulnerable adults must have the opportunity to contribute to decisions made about their lives and education
5. All work with young people and vulnerable adults recognises the need for equality of opportunity and the valuing of diversity.

Safeguarding Children and Vulnerable Adults

In order to ensure that all young people and vulnerable adults in contact with council are protected from abuse, the council has in place certain key procedures. All council members are expected to be aware of the procedures, and to follow them.

Procedures

All sensitive and personal information relating to the case being reported (either the subject of the case or the individual reporting the case or both) must be kept confidential. In the event the Clerk and Chairman are unavailable, the Vice Chair should be contacted.

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