



Great and Little Chishill Parish Council

Safeguarding Policy

1. Purpose and Scope

This policy outlines the commitment of Great and Little Chishill Parish Council (“the Council”) to safeguarding children and adults at risk with reference to the Children and Families Act 2014 and the Care Act 2014.

The Council:

- Does not provide care or services directly to children or vulnerable adults.
- Does not act as a supervisory or investigative body.
- Is not responsible for safeguarding arrangements of independent organisations.

The Council expects all children, young people or vulnerable adults using its facilities (publicly accessible land, structures, street furniture) to do so with the consent and the necessary supervision of a responsible parent or other responsible adult.

2. Limits of the Council’s Role

Because the Council does not run events or manage facilities, its safeguarding role is primarily focused on:

- **Signposting:** Directing concerns to the appropriate principal authority (County or Unitary/District Council).
- **Safe Working:** Ensuring councillors and employees of the Council behave professionally during interactions with the public.
- **Grant Funding:** ensure that any organisation applying for a grant for activities involving children or vulnerable adults provides a copy of their Safeguarding Policy as a condition of the funding.

3. Identifying Risks

In the context of this Council, safeguarding issues are most likely to arise during:

- Home visits or site inspections by Councillors or employees (e.g., planning).
- Public meetings and forums.
- Dealing with correspondence or telephone calls from distressed residents.

4. Safe Working Practices

- Lone Working: Councillors are advised not to enter a resident's home alone. If a visit is necessary, it should be conducted by two people or held in a public space.
- Digital Communication: Communication with the public should be via official Council email addresses or telephone numbers only.

5. Reporting Procedure

If a councillor or the Clerk becomes aware of a concern regarding a child or adult at risk, they **must not** attempt to investigate it themselves. The concern should be reported to the appropriate services at Unitary/District Council or County Council level:

Cambridgeshire Children's Services (Service Centre)	0345 045 5203	(Mon–Fri)
Cambridgeshire Adult Services	0345 045 5202	(Mon–Fri)
Cambridgeshire Adult Services, Emergency Duty Team	01733 234 724	Out of hours, weekends
Cambridge Constabulary – non- emergency situations	101	
Emergency Services	999	
Online	https://safeguardingcambspeterborough.org.uk	

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