



# Pirton Parish Council

## SAFEGUARDING POLICY



Doc027

2022.10

## 1. Background

Everyone has a duty to safeguard children, young people and vulnerable adults. Pirton Parish Council is committed to ensuring that everyone is protected from harm whilst they are using the Parish Council facilities described within this policy.

Pirton Parish Council will review this policy every 3 years or sooner if required.

### 1.1 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 need community care services

Safeguarding

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

### 1.2 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.

The children's play areas and fields situated at the Recreation Ground and Colemans Close, Pirton, are owned by Pirton Parish Council.

The Sports Pavilion and Recreation Ground are owned by the Parish Council.

The Pavilion is occupied and run by the Pirton Sports & Social Club, which is responsible for the day to day running of the Pavilion. The Club is additionally responsible for ensuring that all affiliated groups, such as the Football and Cricket Clubs, have adequate safeguarding policies in place.

Pirton 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.

# Pirton Parish Council

## SAFEGUARDING POLICY



Doc027

2022.10

## 2. 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 ensure regular safety and risk assessments are undertaken.
- Ensure that employees, Councillors and leaders of activities using parish council facilities, are aware of safeguarding expectations.
- Display on notice boards the relevant safeguarding contacts for advice and help.

## 3. Code of Conduct for Users of Parish Council Facilities

The following code of conduct for users of Parish Council facilities should be adhered to at all times.

- Treat each other with respect.
- Show consideration for other groups using the facilities
- Treat the facilities provided with due care and respect.
- Provide an example of good conduct that you wish others to follow
- Refrain from any behaviour that involves racism, sexism and bullying and report any instances of such behaviour to group leaders, Parish Councillors, the Parish Clerk or parents and carers, as appropriate.

## 4. Contact Details

If you witness abuse or neglect it is your duty to report it as soon as possible using the details below. In an emergency call 999. To report a crime call 101.

| Contact   | Website   | Telephone     |
|---|---|---------------|
| Hertfordshire Safeguarding Adults Board         | <a href="https://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/services/Adult-social-services/Report-a-concern-about-an-adult/Hertfordshire-Safeguarding-Adults-Board">https://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/services/Adult-social-services/Report-a-concern-about-an-adult/Hertfordshire-Safeguarding-Adults-Board</a> | 0300 123 4042 |
| Hertfordshire Safeguarding Children Partnership | <a href="https://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/services/children-social-care/child-protection/hertfordshire-safeguarding-children-partnership">https://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/services/children-social-care/child-protection/hertfordshire-safeguarding-children-partnership</a>                 | 0300 123 4043 |