

# Horseheath Parish Council

## Safeguarding Policy

Good safeguarding practice protects not only children, and adults at risk, but also the staff who may come into contact with them. This is called a safeguarding culture. Subject to the Council's approval of this policy, a more detailed procedural document will be prepared.

The Council approved this policy May 2026.

1. The Council believes that children\*, and adults at risk must be protected from harm at all times and that they should be valued, safe and happy. ☒
2. We want to make sure that children and adults at risk we have contact with know this and are empowered to tell us if they are suffering harm. ☒
3. We want children and adults at risk who use or have contact with the Council to enjoy our facilities in safety. ☒
4. We want parents and carers who use or attend our playgrounds, recreation grounds and council events to be supported to care for their children and adults at risk in a way that promotes their health and well-being and keeps them safe. ☒
5. We will achieve this by following national and local guidance. ☒
6. If we discover or suspect a child or adult at risk is suffering harm we will notify social services or the police in order that they can be protected if necessary. ☒
7. This safeguarding policy applies to all councillors, staff and volunteers at Horseheath Parish Council and anyone carrying out any work for the Council. If required councilors, staff, or volunteers should undertake DBS checks. ☒
8. Jessica Ashbridge (Parish Clerk) and Cllr John Howard will act as designated safeguarding leads. They have full DBS checks.
9. This policy will be review at least every 2 years to make sure it is still relevant and

effective. ☒

\*For the purpose of this policy a child is defined as a person under the age of 18 (The Children's Act 1989). This policy may also be used to protect adults at risk under The Care Act 2014.

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