

CAXTON PARISH COUNCIL'S CHILD/VULNERABLE ADULTS PROTECTION STATEMENT

All organisations that receive Council funding or access to the Council's land or facilities must have an active child protection/vulnerable adults policy which details:

- Policy Statement/aims
- Promoting good practice
- Good practice guidelines
- Use of photographic/filming equipment
- Recruitment and training of staff and volunteers
- Responding to allegations or suspicions

All sporting organisations which make provision for children/vulnerable adults and young people, or contractors which are authorised to undertake grass cutting or other maintenance work on Council land must ensure that they have a policy in place which identifies that:

The welfare of the child/vulnerable adult is paramount;

All children/vulnerable adults, whatever their age, culture, disability, gender, language, racial origin religious beliefs and/or sexual identity have the right to protection from abuse;

All suspicions and allegations of abuse will be taken seriously and responded to swiftly and appropriately;

All staff (paid/unpaid) have a responsibility to report concerns to the appropriate officer.

The Parish Council has a duty of care to safeguard all children/vulnerable adults using its facilities from harm. All children/vulnerable adults have a right to protection, and the needs of disabled children/vulnerable adults and others who may be particularly vulnerable must be taken into account. The Parish Council will ensure the safety and protection of all children/vulnerable adults by ensuring that authorized users of its land and facilities and also its contractors have appropriate child/vulnerable adults protection policies in place.

NB A child is defined as a person under the age of 18 (The Children Act 1989).