

## **Introduction**

Everyone has a duty to safeguard children, young people and vulnerable adults. This policy promotes good practice in safeguarding for those using Glapwell Parish Council facilities.

## **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 be in need of community care services

## **To whom this policy applies**

This policy applies to anyone working for or on behalf of the Glapwell Parish Council whether in a paid, voluntary or commissioned capacity, for example contracted to do a piece of work. It also applies to any individual hiring, leasing or using the Glapwell Parish Council facilities for the purpose of delivering any service to children, young people or vulnerable adults.

## **SECTION 2**

### **Promoting a safe environment**

In order to promote a safe environment for children, young people and vulnerable adults, the Glapwell Parish Council will:

- Provide safe facilities and do regular safety assessments.
- Ensure that employees, councillors, volunteers and leaders of activities in parish facilities, are aware of the safeguarding expectations.
- Ensure that the Policy for users of parish facilities includes a requirement that they are safe to work with children, young people and vulnerable adults. For example, those adults who have regular unsupervised contact with children, young people or vulnerable adults during the course of their duties should undergo appropriate Disclosure and Barring Service checks.
- Display on notice boards the relevant safeguarding contacts for advice and help.

### **Hiring of facilities to groups for use with children, young people or vulnerable adults Glapwell Parish Council will require the hirer to:**

- Have public liability insurance.

- Have a suitable safeguarding child, young people and vulnerable adults policy and/or agree to work to the Glapwell Parish Council's policy and relevant guidance.
- Ensure leaders make their members aware of the Glapwell Parish Council Policy and ensure that it is followed whilst using parish facilities
- Ensure leaders have valid enhanced DBS checks as appropriate and know where the first aid box is.
- Do risk assessments for individual activities.

### **SECTION 3**

#### **Safe working practice**

All users of Parish Facilities must follow the safeguarding children, young people and vulnerable adults' policy and procedures at all times. For example, they should:

- Never leave children, young people or vulnerable adults unattended with adults who have not been subject to an enhanced Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) check.
- Plan activities to involve more than one person being present or at least in sight or hearing of others. Alternatively, record, or inform others of their whereabouts and intended action.
- Where possible, have male and female leaders working with a mixed group.
- Ensure registers are complete and attendees are marked in and signed out (under 8's must be collected by a parent/carer).
- Ensure that photos or videos of individuals are not taken without written permission from parents/ carers.
- Ensure they have access to a first aid kit and telephone and know fire procedures.
- Ensure that where a child, young person or vulnerable adult needs assistance with toilet trips and when first aid is required, that this is carried out in pairs or in the latter case, that it is carried out where they can be seen.
- When working outside, ensure activities, breaks and clothing are suitable for the weather conditions and that shelter is available where possible. Expectations of behaviour.

#### **All users of Glapwell Parish Council Facilities should:**

- Ensure that communications, behaviour and interaction with users should be appropriate and professional.
- Treat each other with respect and show consideration for other groups using the facilities.

- Refrain from any behaviour that involves racism, sexism and bullying and in addition to report any instances of such behaviour to group leaders, Glapwell Parish Councillors, the parish clerk or parents and carers, as appropriate.

#### **SECTION 4**

##### **Allegations against staff and volunteers**

- All staff and volunteers should take care not to place themselves in a vulnerable position with a child or vulnerable adult. It is advisable for interviews or work with individual children or parents to be conducted in view of other adults.
- If an allegation is made against a member of staff or volunteer, the person receiving the allegation will immediately inform the lead person/ supervisor or the most senior staff member available.
- If the allegation made to a member of staff concerns the lead person/ supervisor the recipient of the allegation will immediately inform the person’s line manager or the Chair of the Glapwell Parish Council.
- The Glapwell Parish Council should follow the procedures for managing allegations against staff/volunteers. No attempt should be made to investigate or take action before consultation with the Local Authority Designated Officer (LADO). Please contact the clerk – clerk@glapwell-pc.gov.uk

##### **Whistleblowing**

All staff and volunteers should be aware of their duty to raise concerns about the attitude or actions of colleagues. What should be a cause for concern Staff and volunteers should be concerned by any action or inaction, which significantly harms the physical and/or emotional development of a child.

Introductory online training can be booked via the Clerk – clerk@glapwell-pc.gov.uk

**THIS POLICY AND CODE OF PRACTICE MUST BE COMPLIED WITH AT ALL TIMES.**

Signed .....

Print Name ..... Date ...../...../.....

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