



## Vulnerable Adults Protection Policy

East Meon Parish Council is committed to ensuring that vulnerable people who use our services are not abused and that working practices minimise the risk of such abuse. Anyone representing East Meon Parish Council has a duty to identify abuse and report it.

### Definition

Vulnerable adults are people who are over 18 years of age and are getting or may need help and services to live in the community. Vulnerable adults may be unable to take care of themselves and unable to protect themselves from harm or exploitation by other people.

### Abuse can include:

- physical,
- financial,
- material,
- sexual,
- psychological,
- discriminatory,
- emotional abuse
- neglect.

Abuse can take place in any setting, public or private, and can be perpetrated by anyone.

### Rights & Responsibilities

**Responsibilities of East Meon Parish Council and as Trustees of East Meon Recreation Ground.**

- To ensure volunteers are aware of vulnerable adult's need for protection
- To notify the appropriate agencies if abuse is identified or suspected
- To support and where possible secure the safety of individuals and ensure that where referrals are made services have full information in relation to an individual's identified risk and vulnerability
- To ensure Disclosure and Barring Service checks are made in respect of volunteers who have access to or work with Vulnerable Adults

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**Responsibilities of East Meon Parish Councillors**

- To be familiar with the vulnerable adult protection policy
- To take appropriate action in line with the policy of East Meon Parish Council
- To declare any existing or subsequent convictions.

**Support for those who report abuse**

All those making a complaint or allegation or expressing concern, whether they are Parish Council members or members of the general public should be reassured that:

- They will be taken seriously
- Their comments will usually be treated confidentially, but their concerns may be shared with the appropriate authorities if they or others are at significant risk

**The Vulnerable Adult has the right:**

- To be made aware of this policy
- To have alleged incidents recognised and taken seriously
- To receive fair and respectful treatment throughout
- To be involved in any process as appropriate
- To receive information about the outcome

We are also committed to reviewing our policy and good practice annually.

Chairman’s Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

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# Safeguarding Children Policy

East Meon Parish Council believes that it is always unacceptable for a child or young person to experience abuse of any kind and recognise that its responsibility to safeguard the welfare of all children and young people, by a commitment to practice which protects them.

We recognise that:

- the welfare of the child/young person is paramount
- all children, regardless of age, disability, gender, racial heritage, religious belief, sexual orientation or identity, have the right to equal protection from all types of harm or abuse
- working in partnership with children, young people, their parents, carers and other agencies is essential in promoting young people's welfare.

The purpose of the policy:

- To provide protection for the children and young people who receive East Meon Parish Council services, including the children of adult members or users.
- To provide staff and volunteers with guidance on procedures they should adopt in the event that they suspect a child or young person may be experiencing, or be at risk of, harm.

This policy applies to all paid staff, volunteers, sessional workers, students or anyone working on behalf of East Meon Parish Council.

We will seek to safeguard children and young people by:

- valuing them, listening to and respecting them
- following child protection guidelines
- recruiting staff and volunteers safely, ensuring all necessary checks are made
- sharing information about child protection and good practice with children, parents, staff and volunteers
- sharing information about concerns with agencies who need to know, and involving parents and children appropriately
- providing effective management for staff and volunteers through supervision, support and training.

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