

# Hacheston Parish Council

## Safeguarding Policy for children, young people and vulnerable adults

Everyone has an obligation to protect children, young people and vulnerable adults at all times. This policy will be reviewed by the Parish Council every three years.

### **Definitions:**

**Children and young people** – anyone under the age of 18 years

**Vulnerable adult** – anyone over the age of 18 years who is:

Unable to care for themselves

Unable to protect themselves from significant harm or exploitation

Maybe in need of community care services

**Employees and Councillors** – anyone working for or on behalf of HPC, whether paid or voluntarily

### **Substantial access:**

Where an individual is regularly caring for, training or supervising children, young people or vulnerable adults

Where an individual has sole charge of children, young people or vulnerable adults

### **Promoting safe access:**

Councillors and others to be aware of the Suffolk Safeguarding Children Board's guidelines for the protection of children, young people and vulnerable adults

Councillors to be aware of and familiar with the flowchart for referral

Councillors will:

set an example they would wish others to follow

treat everyone with respect

ensure equal opportunities for participation

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