



Great Bowden Parish Council

GREAT BOWDEN PARISH COUNCIL

CHILD AND VULNERABLE ADULTS PROTECTION POLICY

GREAT BOWDEN PARISH COUNCIL IS COMMITTED TO THE HEALTH, WELL BEING AND SAFETY OF ALL CHILDREN, VULNERABLE ADULTS AND YOUNG PEOPLE UNDER THE AGE OF 18 WHO ARE EITHER RESIDENT IN OR VISITING THE VILLAGE.

None of the activities of the Parish Council involves any Councillor coming into contact with children, vulnerable adults or young people. However all councillors are asked to remember that it is their responsibility to ensure that:

Their behaviour is appropriate at all times

They observe the rules established for the safety and security of young people

They follow the procedures following suspicion, disclosure or allegation of child abuse

They recognise the position of trust in which they have been placed

In the event of their being approached by a member of the public, young person or child on any matter concerning those under 18 resident in or visiting the village a Code of Behaviour is detailed below and it is essential that councillors adhere to it.

CODE OF BEHAVIOUR

Do put this Code into practice at all times

Do treat everyone with dignity and respect

Do set an example you would wish others to follow

Do treat all people equally

Do ensure more than one other adult is present at all times when dealing with a young person



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Do advise young people who they can talk to, if asked, about any concerns they may have

Do remember someone else might misinterpret your actions, no matter how well-intentioned

Do take any allegations or concerns of abuse seriously and refer to the Parish Council's Child Protection Officer immediately

Do make everyone aware of the Parish Council's child protection procedures, as outlined in this policy: young people, parents, other volunteers

Do Not trivialise any reports of abuse

Do Not let allegations, suspicions or concerns about abuse go unreported

Do Not just rely on your good name to protect you.

SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN

Great Bowden Parish Council provides a Play Area for young children and Community Exercise Equipment for those aged 12+.

All children and young people under 18 using the Play Area and Community Exercise Equipment remain the responsibility of their parents or guardians whilst using the facilities.

Any concerns regarding the safety of children or vulnerable adults in the village should be reported immediately to:

Any member of the Parish Council or to:

Martin Ellingworth, Clerk to Great Bowden Parish Council, by telephone on 07742 461048 or by email: gbpcmartin@gmail.com

PROCEDURE TO BE FOLLOWED BY A MEMBER OF GREAT BOWDEN PARISH COUNCIL IN THE EVENT OF A CONCERN BEING REPORTED TO THEM

Councillors will report to The Clerk to Great Bowden Parish Council who will report any issues to the relevant authority immediately.

COMMUNITY PAVILION AND RECREATION GROUND



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The major user of the pavilion and recreation ground is Bowden Cricket Club and therefore the pavilion management committee (jointly staffed by Parish Councillors and elected officials of Bowden Cricket Club) has been established by the Parish Council to manage this important facility.

The pavilion management committee has, in addition to the above policy, adopted the Bowden Cricket Club and The England Cricket Board "Safe Hands Policy" as its working procedure when the pavilion is in use and cricket is being played

This policy is reviewed annually in accordance with the Great Bowden Parish Council Risk and Asset Management Procedures

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