

2025 WROOT PARISH COUNCIL ADULT AND CHILDREN SAFEGUARDING POLICY

1. Introduction

Wroot Parish Council is committed to ensuring the safety and protection of all children, young people, and vulnerable adults involved in its activities. This policy outlines the council's commitment to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of these individuals.

2. Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to:

- Protect children, young people, and vulnerable adults who are involved in the council's activities.
- Provide staff and volunteers with the overarching principles that guide our approach to safeguarding.

3. Scope

This policy applies to all staff, volunteers, and anyone working on behalf of Wroot Parish Council.

4. Legal Framework

This policy has been drawn up based on legislation, policy, and guidance that seeks to protect children, young people, and vulnerable adults, including:

- The Children Act 1989 and 2004
- The Care Act 2014
- The Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups Act 2006
- Working Together to Safeguard Children 2018
- The Human Rights Act 1998

5. Definitions

- **Child:** Anyone under the age of 18.
- **Young Person:** Anyone aged 18-25.
- **Vulnerable Adult:** Anyone aged 18 or over who is, or may be, in need of community care services by reason of mental or other disability, age, or illness; and who is, or may be, unable to take care of themselves or unable to protect themselves against significant harm or exploitation.

6. Safeguarding Principles

Wroot Parish Council believes that:

- The welfare of the child, young person, and vulnerable adult is paramount.

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- All individuals, 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, vulnerable adults, their parents, carers, and other agencies is essential in promoting their welfare.

7. Responsibilities

- **Council Members:** Ensure the implementation of this policy and its regular review.
- **Staff and Volunteers:** Understand and comply with this policy and report any concerns about safeguarding to the designated safeguarding officer.

8. Reporting Concerns

Any concerns about the welfare of a child, young person, or vulnerable adult should be reported immediately to the designated safeguarding officer (The Clerk). If the individual is in immediate danger, contact emergency services.

9. Training

All staff and volunteers will receive appropriate training to ensure they are aware of their responsibilities under this policy.

10. Review

This policy will be reviewed annually and updated as necessary to ensure it remains relevant and effective.

11. Communication

We will communicate this policy to all employees, volunteers, and relevant stakeholders and it will be published on the Parish Council website.

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Signed and Dated

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