

APPENDIX D to Kingsley Parish Council Standing Orders

Protection of Children and Vulnerable Adults

Background

Kingsley Parish Council is responsible for a number of sites in the village. These include the village allotments, St Nicholas and cemetery, Upper Green and Lower Green.

This policy relates to these sites that are all accessible to and used by members of the public, and also to any other Parish Council sponsored events such as Parish Council meetings.

Policy

Kingsley Parish Council affirms the right of all people to be treated with dignity, respect and fairness. All children and vulnerable adults, without exception, have the right to protection from abuse, whether physical, verbal, sexual, bullying, exclusion or neglect. Bullying, shouting, physical violence, sexism and racism towards children and vulnerable adults will not be permitted or tolerated.

The Parish Council will endeavour to make sure that members of the public who access the sites for which the Parish Council is responsible, are aware of their responsibility for the safeguarding of children and vulnerable adults and for ensuring their well-being when they are playing or working on and visiting the sites.

These responsibilities include:

- To prevent the physical, emotional, sexual, financial and spiritual abuse of children or vulnerable adults and to report any such abuse that is discovered or suspected. The police should be contacted straight away if it appears that a criminal offence has been committed.
- To contact the parent or guardian if an unaccompanied young child is seen on the site. If this is not possible and there is cause for concern then the Police should be contacted. On the allotment site, children under the age of 16 should be accompanied and supervised by a plot holder or other responsible adult.
- To get a doctor or ambulance if anyone has been injured, and to try to make sure that the victim is safe from immediate harm.