RANSKILL PARISH COUNCIL

Safeguarding Policy

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SAFEGUARDING POLICY

1. Aims

Everyone in Ranskill has the duty to safeguard children, young people, vulnerable adults and the wider community population. Ranskill Parish Council is committed to maintaining the welfare of people whilst they are using the Parish Council facilities described within this policy.

Ranskill Parish Council does not currently own any indoor facilities or facilities available for hire. Should this situation change, this policy will be amended accordingly.

This policy applies to anyone working for or on behalf of the Parish Council whether in a paid, voluntary or commissioned capacity.

2. Facilities

The Ranskill Park a public park including children's play area, Multi Use Games Area (MUGA) and field situated on Mattersey Road, Ranskill owned by the Parish Council.

Ranskill Parish Council has no specific person, either Councillors or staff members who are involved in the care of children or adults at the facility listed above, but will ensure that should a concern arise, the correct procedures related to this policy are followed.

The Parish Council does not currently own any facility indoor or outdoor available for hire.

3. Definitions of vulnerable individuals.

a) **Children and young people:**
   Anyone under the age of 18 years
b) **Vulnerable Adult:**
   - Anyone over 18 who is:
   - Unable to care for themselves
   - Unable to protect themselves from significant harm or exploitation
   - Unable to report abuse or make a decision for themselves
   - Be physically or mentally unwell or may be in need of community care services

4. Safe Environment

In order to promote a safe environment for children, young people and vulnerable adults the Parish Council will:

- Provide safe facilities and ensure regular health and safety assessments are Undertaken.
- Ensure that staff members, councillors and leaders of activities using parish council facilities, are aware of safeguarding expectations.
- Display on notice boards the relevant safeguarding contacts for advice and help. (See Section 8)

5. Hire of Facilities to groups for use with Children, young people or vulnerable adults

Ranskill Parish Council does not currently own any facilities available for hire.

6. Safe Working Practices

All staff members, councillors and contractors using Parish Council facilities must follow the safeguarding policy and procedures at all times.

They should:

- Never leave children, young people or vulnerable adults unattended with adults who have not been subject to a Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) check.
- Plan activities to involve more than one person being present or at least in sight or hearing of others.
- Ensure that photos or videos of individuals are not taken without written permission from parents/ carers.
- Ensure they have access to a first aid kit and telephone.
- Ensure that where a child, young person or vulnerable adult needs assistance that this is carried out in pairs or that it is carried out where they can be seen.
- Ensure outdoor work, activities, breaks and clothing are suitable for the weather conditions and that shelter is available where possible.

7. Code of Conduct for users of Parish Council facilities

- Treat each other with respect.
- Show consideration for other groups using the facilities.
- Treat the facilities provided with due care and respect.
- Provide an example of good conduct that you wish others to follow.
- Refrain from any behaviour that involves racism, sexism and bullying and in addition to report any instances of such behaviour to group leaders, Parish Councillors, the Parish Clerk or parents and carers, as appropriate.

8. Contact Details:

SAFEGUARDING ISSUES	CONTACT DETAILS
Child Safeguarding Nottinghamshire County Council Multi agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH)	Tel: 0300 500 80 80 (8.30am - 5pm) Out of Hours:0300 456 4546 Fax: 01623 483295 Email: mash.safeguarding@nottscc.gov.uk Website: https://www.nottingham-shire.gov.uk/care/safeguarding/mash
Safeguarding Adults Nottinghamshire County Council Multi agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH)	Tel: 0300 500 80 80 (8.30am - 5pm) Fax: 01623 483295 Email: mash.safeguarding@nottscc.gov.uk Out of Hours:0300 456 4546 Website: https://www.nottingham-shire.gov.uk/care/safeguarding/mash
National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children	0808 800 5000
In an emergency	Call 999
To report adult and child concerns anonymously:	0300 500 80 90

9. Useful Links:

Nottinghamshire Safeguarding Children Partnership

https://nsab.nottinghamshire.gov.uk

Home | Safelives

Ann Craft Trust: Safeguarding Adults and Young People at Risk

Coronavirus (COVID-19) - NHS (www.nhs.uk)

Safeguarding and DBS Factsheet: FAQs - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)

What is abuse and neglect? | Nottinghamshire County Council

What is safeguarding? | Nottinghamshire County Council

adultabuseleaflet.pdf (nottinghamshire.gov.uk)

SafeguardingAdultsEasyReadGuide20160203 (nottinghamshire.gov.uk)