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Vulnerable User (inc child protection)

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### **Aims and Objectives**

The aim of this policy is to safeguard vulnerable individuals using the Play Area situated on the Village Green, Dullingham.

Vulnerable users include:

- children
- young people
- children/adults with learning difficulties or physical disability

### **The Play Area**

The Play Area consists of 8 items of timber equipment suitable for children up to and including the age of twelve. The area is fenced and has two gates. The items of play equipment within the area are checked by members of Dullingham Parish Council on a monthly basis and yearly by a Registered Playground Inspector. Outside of the fenced area is a basket swing and a zip wire.

### **Vulnerable Persons Policy Statement Dullingham Village Green Play Area**

Dullingham Parish Council has a duty to safeguard vulnerable users of the Play Area and those who may come into contact with vulnerable users. The Council will respond to any concerns they may have regarding the physical, sexual, emotional or psychological safety of a vulnerable person or concerns relating to discriminatory or financial violation or exploitation of a vulnerable person.

This policy is in place to protect all vulnerable persons regardless of gender, ethnicity, disability, sexuality, religion or faith.

### **Principles**

The welfare of the child or vulnerable adult is paramount and is the responsibility of everyone. 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 will not be permitted or tolerated.

### **Policy Statement**

1. No member of the Parish Council or its staff should have unsupervised access to children or vulnerable adults. Members of the Parish Council are requested to refrain from entering the play area to carry out routine checks and maintenance at times when unsupervised children and vulnerable adults are in attendance.
2. All suspicions or allegations of abuse against a child will be taken seriously and dealt with speedily and appropriately.
3. All staff and volunteers need to be aware of this policy, child protection, and vulnerable adult issues.
4. Any suspicious circumstance or concerns should be reported to the contact on the Parish Council sign attached to the entrance gate.

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5. Dullingham Parish Council will endeavour to keep the play area safe for use by children and vulnerable adults. The Council recognises that a higher standard of safety is required where use is made by small children, those who cannot read safety notices and physically disabled adults.
6. These policies and procedures will be reviewed annually and updated as appropriate in the interim periods.

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