



## LISS PARISH COUNCIL

### CHILD PROTECTION POLICY

Adopted by Liss Parish Council 17<sup>th</sup> October 2016

Liss Parish Council takes seriously the welfare of Children who come onto its premises or who are involved in any of its activities.

While Liss Parish Council staff do not have direct contact with children, it is the policy of Liss Parish Town Council that all relevant members of staff are DBS checked as a condition of their employment.

Staff members are reminded not to find themselves in situations where they may be alone with a child during the course of their duties.

Parish Councillors who will come into direct and unsupervised contact with children as part of their term of office will be DBS checked. (Father Christmas for example).

Visitors to Council buildings will be supervised by a member of staff (e.g. meter readers).

The West Liss Pitch and Playing fields are used by clubs or groups who are responsible for the protection of children in their care.

Liss Parish Council will always ask permission of parents or guardians if they wish to take photographs at events where the child will be identified. Parents or guardians have the right to refuse permission. Group or crowd photographs in public places are excluded from this where children will not be identified.

Any member of staff or a Member of the Council who is alerted to or suspects abuse of a child should in the first instance report the suspicion to The Parish Clerk who will in turn report the matter to social services in an appropriate manner.