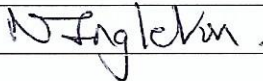


# CHILD PROTECTION POLICY

<b>Name of Organisation</b>	Eastoft Parish Council
<b>Address</b>	22 Field Road Crowle Scunthorpe DN17 4HP
<b>Date Policy Agreed</b>	8 July 2019
<b>Date of Next Review</b>	July 2020
<b>Signature</b>	

## POLICY STATEMENT ON SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN

The values held by Eastoft Parish council are:

Eastoft Parish Council recognises that all children have a right to protection from abuse. Eastoft Parish Council takes seriously its responsibility to protect and safeguard the welfare of children and young people. We will:

- Respond swiftly and appropriately to all suspicions or allegations of abuse and neglect
- Provide parents and children with the opportunity to voice their concerns
- Have a system for dealing with concerns about possible abuse and neglect

## THE POLICY

Eastoft Parish council recognises that many children and young people today are the victims of physical, emotional, sexual abuse and/or neglect. Accordingly, Eastoft Parish council has adopted the following policy guidelines. The policy sets out agreed guidelines for responding to allegations of abuse/neglect, including those made against staff and volunteers. These guidelines have been prepared in accordance with North Lincolnshire Children's MARS Policies and Procedures. They will be kept under review and be supported by appropriate training.

The policy applies to all staff and volunteers who act on behalf of Eastoft Parish council and who work with children. Every individual has a responsibility to inform the designated person in respect of child protection or their deputy of concerns relating to safeguarding children. The designated person should decide if the concerns should be communicated to North Lincolnshire Children's Services or the police. However, all staff and volunteers can contact North Lincolnshire Children's Services directly if necessary.

## DEFINITIONS OF ABUSE (Working Together 2018)

A concern should be raised if any of the following circumstances have or are happening to a child:

- Physical abuse
- Emotional abuse
- Sexual abuse (including Child Sexual Exploitation)
- Neglect