West Horsley Parish Council

Safeguarding Training for Councillors and Staff

Introduction

The Parish Council's Youth Council Safeguarding Policy and Child Protection Policy require those working closely with children to undertake safeguarding children training every three years. As most councillors help with council-led events such as the Lantern Parade and the Fun Run it makes good sense for all members of the Council to undergo some training.

It is proposed that we bring in a trainer to put all councillors and staff through 'Working Together to Safeguard Children' training.

The trainer is happy for up to 30 people to attend the session, therefore, Members are asked to consider opening the training session to:

- Individuals who regularly volunteer at council-led community events, such as Potatoes in the Pot, Christmas Lantern Parade and Fun Run;
- Other community groups working with children such as The Whips and the WHEWI which now runs an annual family fun day. [The Whips is happy to contribute to the cost of the course.]

Training Options

Option 1: A complete version of the three-hour 'Working Together to Safeguard Children' course resulting in a certificate of completion for all attendees.

Option 2: An abridged two-hour version of the 'Working Together to Safeguard Children' course tailored specifically to the needs of those attending. Anyone requiring the certificate would then need to complete the course online.

[It might be possible to run a combination of the two, allowing those who do not wish to complete the course to leave after two hours].

Arrangements

- Trainer: Dave Blake, Safeguarding Trainer on behalf of the Surrey Safeguarding Children's Partnership.
- Timing: A week-day evening in September/October 2024
- Cost: £450 + Village Hall hire

Recommendation
Members are recommended to approve a budget not to exceed £550 for this course.

Prepared by the Clerk, July 2024