

## Powers and Duties of Parish Councils

<b>Function</b>	<b>Powers &amp; Duties</b>	<b>Statutory Provisions</b>
<b>Allotments</b>	Duty to provide allotments	<b>Small Holding &amp; Allotments Act 1908, s.23</b>
	Power to improve and adapt land for allotments, and to let grazing rights	<b>Small Holding &amp; Allotments Act 1908, s.26</b> <b>Small Holding &amp; Allotments Act 1908, s.42</b>
<b>Baths and washhouses</b>	Power to provide public baths and washhouses	<b>Public Health Act 1936, ss.221, 222, 223, 227</b>
<b>Burial grounds, cemeteries and crematoria</b>	Power to acquire and maintain	<b>Open Spaces Act 1906, ss. 9, 10</b>
	Power to provide	<b>Local Government Act 1972, s.214</b>
	Power to agree to maintain monuments and memorials	<b>Parish Councils and Burial Authorities (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1970, s.1</b>
	Power to contribute towards expenses of cemeteries	<b>Local Government Act 1972, s.214(6)</b>
<b>Bus shelters</b>	Power to provide and maintain shelters	<b>Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1953, s.4</b>
<b>Bye-laws</b>	Power to make bye-laws in regard to pleasure grounds	<b>Public Health Act 1875, s.164</b>
	Cycle parks	<b>Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, s.57(7)</b>
	Baths and washhouses	<b>Public Health Act 1936, s.223</b>
	Open spaces and burial grounds	<b>Open Spaces Act 1906, s.15</b>
	Mortuaries and post-mortem rooms	<b>Public Health Act 1936, s.198</b>
<b>Clocks</b>	Power to provide public clocks	<b>Parish Councils Act 1957, s.2</b>

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<b>Closed churchyards</b>	Powers as to maintenance	<b>Local Government Act 1972, s.215</b>
<b>Common pastures</b>	Powers in relation to providing common pasture	<b>Smallholdings and Allotments Act 1908, s.34</b>
<b>Conference facilities</b>	Power to provide and encourage the use of facilities	<b>Local Government Act 1972, s.144</b>
<b>Community centres</b>	Power to provide and equip buildings for use of clubs having athletic, social or recreational objectives	<b>Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 s.19</b>
<b>Crime prevention</b>	Powers to install and maintain equipment and establish and maintain a scheme for detection or prevention of crime	<b>Local Government and Rating Act 1997, s.31</b>
	Power to contribute to police services e.g. PCSOs	<b>Police Act 1996, s.92</b>
	Duty on Parish Councils to consider crime reduction in every policy and action	<b>Crime and Disorder Act 1998, s.17</b>
<b>Drainage</b>	Power to deal with ponds and ditches	<b>Public Health Act 1936, s.260</b>
<b>Entertainment and the arts</b>	Provision of entertainment and support of the arts	<b>Local Government Act 1972, s.145</b>
<b>Flyposting and Graffiti</b>	Power to take enforcement action against those that fly-post or graffiti	<b>Cleaner Neighbourhoods and Environment Act 2005</b>
<b>General Power of Competence</b>	Power of first resort for qualifying councils	<b>Localism Act 2011 s.1</b>
<b>Gifts</b>	Power to accept	<b>Local Government Act 1972, s.139</b>
<b>Highways</b>	Power to maintain footpaths and bridleways	<b>Highways Act 1980, ss.43, 50</b>
	Power to light roads and public places	<b>Parish Councils Act 1957, s.3 Highways Act 1980, s.301</b>

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	Provision of litter bins	<b>Litter Act 1983, ss.5, 6</b>
	Powers to provide parking places for bicycles and motor-cycles, and other vehicles	<b>Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, ss.57, 63</b>
	Power to enter into agreement as to dedication and widening	<b>Highways Act 1980, ss.30, 72</b>
	Power to provide roadside seats and shelters	<b>Parish Councils Act 1957, s.1</b>
	Consent of parish council required for ending maintenance of highway at public expense, or for stopping up or diversion of highway	<b>Highways Act 1980, ss.47, 116</b>
	Power to complain to highway authority as to unlawful stopping up or obstruction of highway or unlawful encroachment on roadside wastes	<b>Highways Act 1980, s.130</b>
	Power to provide traffic signs and other objects or devices warning of danger	<b>Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, s.72</b>
	Power to plant trees and lay out grass verges etc. and to maintain them	<b>Highways Act 1980, s.96</b>
<b>Investments</b>	Power to participate in schemes of collective investment	<b>Trustee Investments Act 1961, s.11</b>
<b>Land</b>	Power to acquire by agreement, to appropriate, to dispose of	<b>Local Government Act 1972, ss.124, 126, 127</b>
	Power to accept gifts of land	<b>Local Government Act 1972, s.139</b>
<b>Litter</b>	Provision of receptacles	<b>Litter Act 1983, ss.5, 6</b>
	Power to take enforcement action against those that litter	<b>Cleaner Neighbourhoods and Environment Act 2005</b>

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<b>Mortuaries and postmortem rooms</b>	Powers to provide mortuaries and postmortem rooms	<b>Public Health Act 1936, s.198</b>
<b>Open spaces</b>	Power to acquire land and maintain	<b>Public Health Act 1875, s.164 Open Spaces Act 1906, ss.9, 10</b>
<b>Parish documents</b>	Powers to direct as to their custody	<b>Local Government Act 1972, s.226</b>
<b>Public buildings and village hall</b>	Power to provide buildings for public meetings and assemblies	<b>Local Government Act 1972, s.133</b>
<b>Public conveniences</b>	Power to provide	<b>Public Health Act 1936, s.87</b>
<b>Sustainable communities</b>	Right of representation on a panel of representatives to be consulted on proposals that would contribute to sustainable communities	<b>Sustainable Communities Act 2007</b>
<b>Telecommunications facilities</b>	Power to pay public telecommunications operators any loss sustained providing telecommunication facilities	<b>Telecommunications Act 1984, s.97</b>
<b>Town and country planning</b>	Right to be notified of planning applications	<b>Town and Country Planning Act 1990, Sched.1, para. 8</b>
<b>Tourism</b>	Power to encourage visitors and provide conference and other facilities	<b>Local Government Act 1972, s.144</b>
<b>Traffic calming</b>	Powers to contribute financially to traffic calming schemes	<b>Highways Act 1980, s.274A</b>
<b>Transport</b>	Powers in relation to car-sharing schemes, taxi fare concessions and information about transport	<b>Local Government and Rating Act 1997, s.26, 28, 29</b>
	Powers to make grants for bus services	<b>Transport Act 1985, s.106A</b>

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<b>War memorials</b>	Power to maintain, repair, protect and alter war memorials	<b>War Memorials (Local Authorities' Powers) Act 1923, s.1</b>
<b>Water supply</b>	Power to utilise well, spring or stream and to provide facilities for obtaining water from them	<b>Public Health Act 1936, s.125</b>
<b>Well-being</b>	Power to promote well-being of the area (for eligible councils)	<b>Local Government Act 2000 s.2</b>