

## Powers and Duties of a Parish Council

All powers are not necessarily taken up by the Parish thus actual powers will vary from area to area due to agreements with other authorities to take these on. This information is therefore for guidance only.

Function	Powers & Duties
<b>Allotments</b>	Powers to provide allotments. Duty to provide allotment gardens if demanded unsatisfied
<b>Burial grounds, cemeteries and crematoria</b>	Power to acquire and maintain
	Power to agree to maintain monuments and memorials
	Power to contribute towards expenses of cemeteries
<b>Bus Shelters</b>	Power to provide and maintain shelters
<b>Bye Laws</b>	Power to make bye-laws in regard to pleasure grounds, cycle parks, open spaces and burial grounds
<b>Closed Churchyards</b>	Powers as to maintenance
<b>Conference facilities</b>	Power to provide and encourage the use of facilities
<b>Community centres</b>	Power to provide and equip buildings for use of clubs having athletic, social or educational objectives
<b>Crime prevention</b>	Powers to spend money on various crime prevention measures
<b>Drainage</b>	Power to deal with ponds and ditches and deal with offensive ditches
<b>Education</b>	Right to appoint school governors
<b>Entertainment and the arts</b>	Provision of entertainment and support of the arts
<b>Highways</b>	Power to repair and maintain public footpaths and bridleways
	Powers to contribute financially to traffic calming schemes
	Power to light roads and public places

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	Power to provide parking places for vehicles, bicycles and motor-cycles
	Power to enter into agreement as to dedication and widening
	Power to complain to district council as to protection of rights of way and roadside wastes
	Power to provide traffic signs and other notices
	Power to plant trees etc. and to maintain roadside verges
<b>Land</b>	Power to acquire by agreement, to appropriate, to dispose of
<b>Litter</b>	Provision of receptacles
<b>Lotteries</b>	Powers to promote
<b>Open spaces</b>	Power to acquire land and maintain
<b>Postal and telecommunications facilities</b>	Power to pay the Post Office, British Telecommunications or any other public telecommunications operator any loss sustained providing post or telegraph office or telecommunication facilities
<b>Public buildings and village hall</b>	Power to provide buildings for offices and for public meetings and assemblies
<b>Public Conveniences</b>	Power to provide
<b>Recreation</b>	Power to acquire land for or to provide recreation grounds, public walks, pleasure grounds and open spaces and to manage and control them
	Power to provide gymnasiums, playing fields, holiday camps
<b>Town and Country Planning</b>	Right to be notified of planning applications as a consultee. <b>Note:</b> CDC are the planning authority and make the final decision.
<b>Tourism</b>	Power to contribute to organisations encouraging

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<b>Transport</b>	Powers to spend money on community transport schemes
<b>War memorials</b>	Power to maintain, repairs, protect and adapt war memorials
<b>Water Supply</b>	Power to utilise well, spring or stream and to provide facilities for obtaining water there from