

Appendix 1 - Summary of Powers for Parish Councils

Subject	Further Detail
Allotments	Power to provide allotment gardens and duty to do so if demanded by local electors
Appointment of Officers	Power to appoint officers to discharge any function of the parish council as directed by it, nearly always a parish clerk and sometimes a neighbourhood manager, linesmen, village sweeper and other workers
Bathing Places and Wash Houses	Power to provide swimming baths, public bathing places and wash houses (including laundrettes)
Burial Grounds, Cemeteries and Crematoria	Power to provide such grounds or facilities
Bus Stops and Shelters	Power to provide bus stops and shelters
Bye Laws	Power to enact bye laws regarding pleasure grounds, cycle parks, baths and wash houses, open spaces and mortuaries.
Charities	Power to act as trustee of any parochial charities serving the parish and duty to receive the accounts of such charities
Clocks	Power to provide public clocks
Closed churchyards	Power to maintain closed churchyards
Commons	Power to regulate and maintain commons
Community Facilities	Power to provide such facilities for the use of local individuals, community groups and societies
Conference Facilities	Power to provide such facilities
Crime Prevention	Power to take steps to prevent crime, such as installing CCTV, requiring and paying for additional policing of the parish, installing burglar alarms and strong locks, and assisting neighbourhood watch schemes
Delivery of Local Authority Services	Right to act as an agent for the local district or borough, county or unitary authority and deliver nearly any services or amenities that would otherwise be provided for the parish by that local authority
Drainage	Power to deal with ponds and ditches
Education	Power to appoint representation to the governing body of any primary school serving the parish
Entertainment and the Arts	Power to provide entertainments and support the arts
Free Resource	Power to spend a limited amount of money as set by the Secretary of State on anything the parish council deems to be of benefit for the parish or its inhabitants
Gifts	Power to accept gifts on behalf of the parish
Highways	Power to maintain public footpaths, light roads and public places, provide litter bins, provide parking for vehicles, to acquire rights of way, provide traffic signs and other notices, and to give or withhold consent as to the stopping up or diversion of any public highway
Investments	Power to participate in schemes of collective investment
Land	Power to compulsory purchase land in certain circumstances and to establish new rights of way

Litter	Power to provide litter bins and similar facilities
Lotteries	Power to provide a lottery within the parish
National Parks	Right to have representation appointed onto the authority of any National Park the parish falls under
Open Spaces	Power to acquire land
Parish Property and Documents	Duty to manage and hold any property and public documents on behalf of the parish
Planning Applications	Right to be notified and consulted regarding any planning applications affecting the parish
Public Building and Village Halls	Power to provide such buildings for public use
Public Conveniences	Power to provide such facilities
Recreation	Power to acquire land for recreation purposes and to provide sports and leisure facilities
School Governors	Power to appoint a Primary School Governor
Telecommunication Facilities	Power to require and pay a telephone company to provide additional public telephones
Tourism	Power to take steps to encourage local tourism
Town Declaration	Power to declare the parish to be a town, in which case the parish council becomes known as a town council, the chair and vice chair become the town mayor and deputy town mayor, and the parish clerk becomes the town clerk
Transport	Power to provide car sharing schemes, community mini buses and other transport for the benefit of the parish
Village Greens	Power to provide and duty to protect
War Memorials	Power to maintain war memorials
Water Supply	Power to utilise any clean source to provide facilities for obtaining water, such as an parish pump