

Appendix 2

List of Parish Council powers.

It is intended only as a summary of the principal functions and not intended to be a definitive list of such functions.

Allotments	Provision and maintenance of allotments for cultivation.
Arts*	Developing and improving knowledge of the arts and the crafts which serve the arts.
Baths	Provision of baths and wash-houses (which in modern terms may mean a launderette).
Borrowing	Parish, Town and Community Councils may borrow money subject to certain limits. The Local Government Act 2003 removed the requirement for prior loan approval. ... text of legislation
Cemeteries*	Provision and maintenance of burial grounds, cemeteries, crematoria, mortuaries and post-mortem rooms.
Church yards	Power to contribute to the costs of a churchyard in use and a <i>duty</i> to maintain any closed churchyard where the duty has been transferred by the Church of England.
Clocks*	Provision and maintenance of public clocks, on churches or elsewhere.
Commons	Power to protect any finally registered common which has no registered owner.
Crime prevention*	installation of equipment and establishment of schemes for the detection or prevention of crime; making grants to the police authority for these purposes.
Entertainments*	Provision of any form of public entertainment and any premises for giving entertainments. (This includes maintaining bands or orchestras and providing for dancing.)
Halls*	Provision of buildings for public meetings and functions, for indoor sports or physical recreation, or for the use of clubs or societies having recreational, social or athletic objects.
Legal Proceedings	Power to prosecute and defend any legal proceedings in the interests of the inhabitants. Power to take part in any public local inquiry.
Lighting	Provision and maintenance of any <i>footway</i> lighting which lights roads or pavements provided the columns are not above specified heights.
Litter*	Provision of litter-bins in streets and support for anti-litter campaigns.
Open Spaces	Provision and maintenance of public open spaces, pleasure grounds and public walks.
Parking Places	Provision and management of car and cycle parks.
Parks	Provision and maintenance of public parks and appropriate facilities.
Planning	Local councils have a right to be notified of any planning application affecting their area and to make comments which the planning authority must take into account.
Playing Fields*	Provision and maintenance of land for any kind of outdoor

	recreation, including boating pools.
Ponds*	Power to deal with ponds, pools, or other places containing filth or matter prejudicial to health.
Public Lavatories	Provision and maintenance of public lavatories.
Rights of Way	Maintenance of public footpaths and bridleways.
Roadside Verges	Power to plant and maintain roadside verges.
Seats*	Provision and maintenance of public seats on the highway.
Shelters*	Provision and maintenance of shelters for general public use and also particularly for bus passengers.
Signs	Power to erect signs which warn of dangers or announce a place name, or indicate a bus stop.
Swimming*	Provision of indoor or outdoor swimming pools or bathing places.
Tourism*	Provision of facilities for conferences and encouragement of recreational and business tourism.
Traffic calming	contribution towards the cost of traffic calming works provided by highway authorities.
Transport*	establishment of car-sharing and taxi fare concession schemes; making grants for community bus services and bus services for the elderly or disabled; investigation of public transport, road and traffic provision and needs; provision of information about public transport services.
Village Green*	Powers to maintain the village or town green.
General Expenditure Power	In any situation <i>not</i> covered by one of the specific powers described above a council may spend money on any purpose which in its opinion is of direct benefit to its area or to the inhabitants.