

Appendix A - List of Parish Council Powers

Please note, this is not an exhaustive list but does indicate the sorts of functions that Parish Councils can discharge. The Grants Scheme must ensure that the types of grants being administered fit the criteria of projects that a Town and Parish Council would typically support. The funding may also be used to enhance local services and other local priorities.

Function	Powers & Duties
Allotments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Duty to provide allotments. • Power to improve and adapt land for allotments, and to let grazing rights
Baths and washhouses	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Power to provide public baths and washhouses
Burial grounds, cemeteries and crematoria	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Power to acquire and maintain • Power to provide • Power to agree to maintain monuments and memorials • Power to contribute towards expenses of cemeteries
Bus shelters	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Power to provide and maintain shelters
Bye-laws	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Power to make bye-laws in regard to pleasure grounds • Cycle parks • Baths and washhouses • Open spaces and burial grounds • Mortuaries and post-mortem rooms
Clocks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Power to provide public clocks
Closed churchyards	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Powers as to maintenance
Common pastures	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Powers in relation to providing common pasture
Conference facilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Power to provide and encourage the use of facilities
Community centres	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Power to provide and equip buildings for use of clubs having athletic, social or recreational objectives
Crime prevention	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Powers to install and maintain equipment and establish and maintain a scheme for detection or prevention of crime
Drainage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Power to deal with ponds and ditches
Entertainment and the arts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provision of entertainment and support of the arts
General Spending	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Power to spend a limited amount of money on anything they deem of benefit to the community that is not covered by the other specific responsibilities described in this list
Gifts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Power to accept

Highways	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Power to maintain footpaths and bridle-ways • Power to light roads and public places • Provision of litter bins • Powers to provide parking places for bicycles and motor-cycles, and other vehicles • Power to enter into agreement as to dedication and widening • Power to provide roadside seats and shelters
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consent of parish council required for ending maintenance of highway at public expense, or for stopping up or diversion of highway • Power to complain to highway authority as to unlawful stopping up or obstruction of highway or unlawful encroachment on roadside wastes • Power to provide traffic signs and other objects or devices warning of danger • Power to plant trees and lay out grass verges etc. and to maintain them
Investments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Power to participate in schemes of collective investment
Land	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Power to acquire by agreement, to appropriate, to dispose of • Power to accept gifts of land
Litter	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provision of receptacles
Lotteries	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Powers to promote
Mortuaries and post mortem rooms	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Powers to provide mortuaries and post mortem rooms
Open spaces	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Power to acquire land and maintain
Parish documents	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Powers to direct as to their custody
Telecommunications facilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Power to pay public telecommunications operators any loss sustained providing telecommunication facilities
Public buildings and village hall	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Power to provide buildings for public meetings and assemblies
Public conveniences	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Power to provide
Town and country planning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Right to be notified of planning applications
Tourism	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Power to encourage visitors and provide conference and other facilities
Traffic calming	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Powers to contribute financially to traffic calming schemes
Transport	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Powers in relation to car-sharing schemes, taxi fare concessions and information about transport • Powers to make grants for bus services
War memorials	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Power to maintain, repair, protect and alter war memorials
Water supply	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Power to utilise well, spring or stream and to provide facilities for obtaining water from them

