

Who does what in Local Government

| County Council (or unitary authority) | District Council (or unitary authority) | Parish Council |
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| Children's Services (including Education) | Collection of Council tax and rates | Allotments |
| Fire | Environmental Health | Burial grounds |
| Highways – maintenance, traffic management and street lighting. | Housing | Bus shelters |
| Libraries | Local Development Plans | Public benches |
| Recreation, Arts and Museums | Planning applications | Footpaths |
| Social Services | Public conveniences | Markets |
| Some Planning Functions | Recreation, Arts, Museums, Tourism | Recreation |
| Trading Standards | Minor Roads, footpaths, car parks | Village Halls and village greens |
| Transport | Waste Collection and recycling | War memorials |
| Waste Disposal | | |

The Powers and Duties of Parish Councils

Listed below is a summary of the main powers and duties of parish councils. This is not a definitive list.

| Topic | Powers and Duties |
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| Allotments | Power to provide allotments and a duty to provide allotments if demand is unsatisfied |
| Burial grounds, cemeteries and crematoria | Power to acquire, provide and maintain. Power to agree to maintain monuments and memorials Power to contribute towards expenses of burial grounds and cemeteries provided by others |
| Byelaws | Power to make bye-laws for: Pleasure grounds Cycle parks Baths and swimming pools Open Spaces and Burial grounds |

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| | <p>Mortuaries and post-mortem rooms</p> <p>Markets maintained by the parish Council</p> |
| Charities | Right to appoint trustees to some local charities. |
| Churchyards | <p>Power to contribute to the cost of a churchyard in use</p> <p>Duty to maintain a closed churchyard where duty has been transferred by the church.</p> |
| Clocks | Power to provide public clocks. |
| Commons and common pasture | <p>Power to protect any registered common which has no registered owner.</p> <p>Power to contribute to cost of scheme for registration and management of commons.</p> <p>Power to provide common pasture.</p> |
| Conference facilities | Power to provide and encourage the use of facilities. |
| Crime prevention | Power to install equipment or establish a scheme for crime prevention. |
| Ditches and drains | Power to deal with ponds, ditches and drains containing filth or a matter prejudicial to public health. |
| Education (Children's Services) | Right to nominate some school governors. |
| Employment | Power to employ staff to carry out council functions. |
| Entertainment and the arts | <p>Power to provide public entertainment and premises for giving entertainment.</p> <p>Power to develop and improve knowledge of the arts.</p> |
| Flagpoles | Power to erect flagpoles. |
| Footpaths | Power to repair and maintain public footpaths. |
| Gifts | Power to accept |
| Hall | <p>Power to provide and furnish buildings for public meetings and to contribute to the expenses of another parish council or person providing such facilities.</p> <p>Power to provide and equip premises for indoor sport or physical recreation or for the use of clubs having athletic, social or educational objects.</p> |
| Highways | Power to light some roads and public places. |

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| | <p>Power to maintain parking places. Power to contribute to the cost of traffic calming works by highways authority</p> |
| Information and Advice | <p>Power to provide information for the public about local services. Power to assist voluntary organisations providing information and advice.</p> |
| Land | <p>Power to acquire by agreement, to appropriate and to dispose of.</p> |
| Litter | <p>Power to provide litter bins.</p> |
| Money | <p>Power to borrow Power to raise money from the Council tax by precepting on the district council Power to invest in statutory securities.</p> |
| Planning | <p>Right to be notified of planning applications and to comment.</p> |
| Public lavatories | <p>Power to provide and maintain</p> |
| Recreation | <p>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 indoor facilities such as sports centres, swimming pools etc. Power to provide outdoor facilities such as pitches for team games, athletic grounds etc. Power to provide boating ponds.</p> |
| Seats | <p>Power to provide public seats.</p> |
| Shelters | <p>Power to provide and maintain shelters for general public use and bus shelters.</p> |
| Tourism | <p>Power to encourage tourism.</p> |
| Transport | <p>Power to establish local car sharing scheme Power to make grants for bus services benefiting local elderly or disabled people. Power to make grants to local community bus services Power to subsidise taxi fares for eligible local residents. Power to publicise information about local public transport service.</p> |

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| Village Greens | Power to maintain village greens |
| War Memorials | Power to maintain, repair, protect and adapt war memorials. |
| Water supply | Power to utilise well, spring or stream and to provide facilities for obtaining water therefrom. |