

Function	Powers & Duties	Statutory Provision
Allotments	Powers to provide allotments Duty to consider providing allotment gardens if demand unsatisfied	Smallholdings & Allotments Act 1908, s. 23
Borrowing money	Power for councils to borrow money for their statutory functions or for the prudent management of their financial affairs	Local Government Act 2003, Sch 1, para 2
Baths and wash houses	Power to provide public baths and wash houses	Public Health Act 1936, ss 221, 222, 223 and 227
Burial grounds, cemeteries and crematoria	Power to acquire, provide and maintain shelters	Open Spaces Act 1906, ss 9 and 10
	Power to agree to maintain monuments and memorials	Parish Councils and Burial Authorities (Miscellaneous Provisions)
	Act 1970, s.1	(Miscellarious Frovisions)
	Power to contribute towards expenses of cemeteries	Local Government Act 1972, s.214
Bus shelters	Power to provide and maintain shelters	Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1953, s.4
		Parish Councils Act 1957, s.1
Bye laws	Power to provide bye laws for: Pleasure grounds	Public Health Act 1875, s.164
	Cycle parks	Traffic Regulation Act 1984, s.57(7)
	Public swimming baths	Public Health Act 1936, s.223
	Open spaces and burial grounds	Open Spaces Act 1906, s.15
	Mortuaries and post-mortem rooms	Public Health Act 1936, s.198
Charities	Duties regarding parochial charities	Charities Act 1993 s. 79
Christmas lights	Power to provide to attract visitors	Local Government Act 1972. s.144
Citizens Advice Bureau	Power to support	Local Government Act 1972, s.142

Clocks	Power to provide public clocks	Parish Councils Act 1957, s.2
Closed churchyards	Powers to maintain	Local Government Act 1972, s.215
Commons and common	Powers in relation to inclosure, regulation and management,	Inclosure Act 1845
pastures	and providing common pasture	Smallholdings and Allotments Act 1908, s.34
Conference facilities	Power to provide and encourage the use of facilities	Local Government Act 1972, s.144
Community centres	Power to provide and equip community buildings	Local Government Act 1972, s.133
	Power to provide buildings for use of clubs having athletic, social or educational objectives	Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 s.19
Crime prevention	Powers to spend money on crime detection and prevention measures	Local Government Rating Act 1997, s.31
Drainage	Power to deal with ponds and ditches	Public Health Act 1936, s.260
Entertainment and the arts	Provision of entertainment and support of the arts including festivals and celebrations	Local Government Act 1972, s.145
Environment	Power to issue fixed penalty notices for litter, graffiti and offences under dog control orders	Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act 2005, s.19, s.30, Part 6
General Power of Competence	Power for an eligible council to do anything subject to statutory prohibitions, restrictions and limitations which include those in place before or after the introduction of the General Power of Competence	Local Act 2011, ss.1-8
Gifts	Power to accept	Local Government Act 1972, s.139
Highways	Power to repair and maintain public footpaths and bridle-ways	Highways Act 1980, ss.43, 50
	Power to light roads and public places	Parish Councils Act 1957, s.3
	Power to provide parking places for vehicles, bicycles and motor-cycles	Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, s.57
	Power to enter into agreement as to dedication and widening	Highways Act 1980, s.30
	Power to provide roadside seats and shelters	Parish Councils Act 1957, s.1
	Power to consent to a local highway authority stopping maintenance of a highway or stopping up/diverting a highway	Highways Act 1980, ss.47, 116

	Power to complain to district councils regarding protection of rights of way and roadside waste	Highways Act 1980, s.130 (6)
	Power to provide traffic signs and other notices Regulation Act	Road Traffic Regulation Act 1986, s.72
	Power to plant trees etc. and to maintain roadside verges	Highways Act 1980, s.96
Investments	Power to participate in schemes of collective investment	Trustee Investments Act 1961, s.11
Land	Power to acquire by agreement, to appropriate, to dispose of land	Local Government Act 1972, ss.124, 126, 127
	Power to accept gifts of land	Local Government Act 1972, s.139
Litter	Provision of bins	Litter Act 1983, ss.5, 6
Lotteries	Powers to promote	Gambling Act 2005, s.252, 258
Markets	Power to establish or acquire by agreement markets within the council's area and provide a market place and market buildings	Food Act 1984, s.50
Mortuaries and post mortem	Powers to provide mortuaries and post mortem rooms	Public Health Act 1936, s.198
Neighbourhood Planning	Powers to act as lead body for a neighbourhood development plan or a neighbourhood development order	Localism Act 2011, Sch.9; Town and Country Planning Act 1990, ss.61E-61Q, Sch.4B; Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004, s.38A
Newsletters	Power to provide information relating to matters affecting local government	Local Government Act 1972, s.142
Nuisances	Power to deal with offensive ditches	Public Health Act 1936, s.260 Public Health Act 1875, s.164
Open spaces	Power to acquire land and maintain land for public recreation	Public Health Act 1875, s.164
	Power to acquire and maintain land for open spaces	Open Spaces Act 1906, ss.9 and 10
Parish property and documents	Powers to direct as to their custody	Local Government Act 1972, s.226
Public buildings and village hall	Power to acquire and provide buildings for public meetings and assemblies	Local Government Act 1972, s.133
Public conveniences	Power to provide	Public Health Act 1936, s.87
Parks, pleasure grounds	Power to acquire land or to provide recreation grounds, public walks, pleasure grounds and open spaces and to manage and control them	Public Health Act 1875, s.164 (Local Government Act 1972, Sched.14 para.27)

Public Health Acts Amendment Act 1890, s.44

Open Spaces Act 1906, ss.9 and 10

Recreation Power to provide a wide range of

recreational facilities

Local Government (Miscellaneous

Provisions) Act 1976, s.19

Provision of boating pools Public Health Act 1961, s.54

Right to challenge services that are provided by a principal authority The right to submit an interest in running a service provided by a district, county or unitary authority

Localism Act 2011, ss.81-86

Right to nominate and bid for assets of community value The right to nominate assets to be added to a list of assets of community value and the right to bid to buy a listed asset when it comes up for sale

Localism Act 2011, ss.87-108

Town and Right to be notified of Country Planning planning applications

Town and Country Planning Act 1990, Sched.1, para.8

Tourism Power to contribute to organisations

encouraging tourism

Local Government Act 1972, s.144

Traffic calming Powers to contribute financially to

traffic calming schemes

Local Government and Rating Act 1997, s.30

Transport Powers to spend money on

community transport schemes

Local Government and Rating Act 1997, s.26-29

Village signs Power to use decorative signs

to inform visitors

Local Government Act 1972, s.144

War memorials Power to maintain, repairs, protect

and adapt war memorials

War Memorials (Local Authorities' Powers) Act 1923, s.1; as

extended by Local Government

Act 1948, s.133

Water supply Power to utilise wells, springs or

streams and to provide facilities for

obtaining water

Public Health Act 1936, s.125

Websites Power for councils to have their own

Local Government Act 1972, s.142