

Who does what in Local Government

County Council (or unitary authority)	District Council (or unitary authority)	Parish Council
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
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
Byelaws	Power to make bye-laws for: Pleasure grounds Cycle parks Open Spaces and Burial grounds

Charities	Right to appoint trustees to some local charities.
Clocks	Power to provide public clocks.
Commons and common pasture	Power to protect any registered common which has no registered owner. Power to contribute to cost of scheme for registration and management of commons. Power to provide common pasture.
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	Power to provide public entertainment and premises for giving entertainment. Power to develop and improve knowledge of the arts.
Flagpoles	Power to erect flagpoles.
Footpaths	Power to repair and maintain public footpaths.
Gifts	Power to accept
Hall	Power to provide and furnish buildings for public meetings and to contribute to the expenses of another parish council or person providing such facilities. Power to provide and equip premises for indoor sport or physical recreation or for the use of clubs having athletic, social or educational objects.
Highways	Power to light some roads and public places.

Information and Advice	<p>Power to maintain parking places. Power to contribute to the cost of traffic calming works by highways authority</p> <p>Power to provide information for the public about local services. Power to assist voluntary organisations providing information and advice.</p>
Land	Power to acquire by agreement, to appropriate and to dispose of.
Litter	Power to provide litter bins.
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	Right to be notified of planning applications and to comment.
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 Shelters	<p>Power to provide public seats.</p> <p>Power to provide and maintain shelters for general public use and bus shelters.</p>
Tourism	Power to encourage tourism.
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>

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.