

## POWERS AND DUTIES OF LOCAL COUNCILS

Function	Powers & Duties	Statutory Provisions
Allotments	Powers to provide allotments. Duty to provide allotment gardens if demanded unsatisfied	Small Holding & Allotments Act 1908, ss. 23, 26, and 42
Baths and Washhouses	Power to provide public baths and washhouses	Public Health Act 1936, Ss 221, 222, 223 and 227
Burial grounds, cemeteries and crematoria	Power to acquire and maintain Power to provide Power to agree to maintain monuments and memorials Power to contribute towards expenses of cemeteries	Open Spaces Act 1906, Ss 9 and 10; Local Government Act 1972, s. 214; Parish Councils and Burial Authorities (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1970, s. 1 Local Government Act 1972, s. 215(6)
Bus Shelters	Power to provide and maintain shelters	Local Government (Miscellaneous Provision) Act 1953, s. 4
Bye Laws	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	Public Health Act 1875, s. 164 Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, s.57(7) Public Health Act 1936, s.223 Open Spaces Act 1906, s.15 Public Health Act 1936, s.198
Charities	Duty to receive accounts of parochial charities	Charities Act 1960, s.32
Clocks	Power to provide public clocks	Parish Councils Act 1957, s.2
Closed Churchyards	Powers as to maintenance	Local Government Act 1972, s.215
Commons and common pastures	Powers in relation to enclosure, as to regulation and management, and as to providing common pasture	Enclosure Act 1845; Local Government Act 1894, s.8(4); 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 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 various crime prevention measures	Local Government and Rating Act 1997, s.31
Drainage	Power to deal with ponds and ditches	Public Health Act 1936, s.260
Education	Right to appoint school governors	Education (No.2) Act 1986, s.4
Entertainment and the arts	Provision of entertainment and support of the arts	Local Government Act 1972, s.145
Gifts	Power to accept	Local Government Act 1972, s.139

<p>Highways</p>	<p>Power to repair and maintain public footpaths and bridleways  Power to light roads and public places  Provision of litter bins  Power to provide parking places for vehicles, bicycles and motor-cycles  Power to enter into agreement as to dedication and widening  Power to provide roadside seats and shelters, and omnibus shelters  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 district council as to protection of rights of way and roadside wastes  Power to provide traffic signs and other notices  Power to plant trees etc. and to maintain</p>	<p>Highways Act 1980, ss.43,50  Parish Councils Act 1957, s.3;  Highways Act 1980, s.301  Litter Act 1983, ss.5,6  Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, ss.57,63  Highways Act 1980, ss.30,72  Parish Councils Act 1957, s.1  Highways Act 1980, ss.47,116  Highways Act 1980, s.130  Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, s.72  Highways Act 1980, s.96</p>
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