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What's The Parish Council ever done for us?

Street lighting, bus shelters, grass cutting, grounds maintenance, litter bins, seats, sporting facilities.....

A Parish Council is the first level of local government. Members of a Parish Council are people who live or work in the parish and are elected for a 4 year term. They are the voice of the community and seek to enhance the quality of living locally.

The Parish Council raises an annual precept which helps to pay for any projects it undertakes in the parish.

This leaflet has been produced to help explain the differing roles and responsibilities of the various local authorities. Listed inside are the roles and the responsibilities that the Parish Council may undertake. Some of these are shared with the District and the County Council.

The District and County Authorities have some sole responsibilities - these are described inside. Although The Parish Council has no powers in these areas, it can make representations to the relevant local authorities about issues affecting the parish and can provide information regarding relevant contacts.

Also on the back page is a list of council contacts.

we have kept this fact sheet short and to the point. Please use it as a guide only - it is not a legal document

Parish Councils: Role and Responsibilities

Everything a Parish Council does is provided for by legislation but is also subject to the provision of general law. Some powers give the Parish Council an enabling role.

Parish Councils have the following powers:

- Allotments (provision and maintenance).
- Arts (arts and crafts development and improvement of knowledge.)
- Baths, Wash-houses, swimming pools and launderettes can be provided.
- Borrowing (for a maximum of 25 years after receiving loan sanction consent via NALC)
- Burial grounds (provision and maintenance and provision of crematoria, mortuaries and post mortem rooms).
- Bylaws for playing areas and village greens.
- Churchyards (power to contribute to the costs of maintenance of churchyards in use, and a duty to maintain any closed churchyards where that duty has been transferred through Order in Council)
- Clocks (provision and maintenance of public clocks).
- Commons (power to protect where no registered owner known).
- Crime prevention (establishment of schemes for the detection or prevention of crime, and making grants to householders and the police for the purpose).
- Entertainments (provision of any form of public entertainment).
- Halls (provision for public meetings, functions, sports, indoor recreation and clubs).
- Legal proceedings (power to defend or prosecute legal proceedings on behalf of parishioners and to participate in Public Inquiries).
- Lighting (provision and maintenance of any footway lighting).
- Litter (provision of litter-bins and support for anti-litter campaigns).
- Open Spaces, Parks and Playing Fields (provision and maintenance of open spaces and walks).
- Parking places (provision and maintenance of cycle and car parks).

- Planning (receive notification of applications in the parish and make suitable comments).
- Ponds (powers to deal with contaminated ponds and pools)
- Post and telephone (power to indemnify postal and/or telephone authorities against loss).
- Public lavatories (provision and maintenance).
- Rights of Way (maintenance).
- Roadside verges (power to plant and maintain).
- Seats (provision and maintenance on the public highway).
- Shelters (provision and maintenance for public use).
- Signs (power to erect warning signs).
- Tourism (provision of facilities for conferences, and to encourage recreation and business).
- Traffic calming (contributions towards highway authority costs)
- Transport (car sharing, taxi fare concessions, community 'bus services transport information).
- Village and town greens (maintenance)
- General Expenditure: Power to spend a maximum of £5.00 per head of electors' register on any purpose not otherwise covered where that expenditure is of direct benefit to the area or the parishioners, provided no legislation exists whereby such expenditure is illegal.

Source: National Association of Local Councils

Some responsibilities are shared with the District and/or County Councils. The District and County authorities are wholly responsible for the following:

District Council

Planning
Housing
Waste Collection
Environmental Health
Parks
Leisure and Recreation

County Council

Roads & Maintenance
Education
Waste Disposal
Libraries
Social Services
Fire and rescue services
Country Parks
Public footpaths
Strategic planning
Environmental protection