

Parish Councils have the following powers and authority:-	The relevant Acts of Parliament
to provide allotments Duty to provide allotment gardens if demand unsatisfied	Small Holdings Act 1908 ss23,26 & 42
to make records held available to the public and to support local archives	Local Government Records Act 1962 ss1 & 4
to provide public baths and wash-houses	Public Health Act 1936 ss221, 222, 223 & 227
to acquire and maintain burial grounds, cemeteries and crematoria	Open Spaces Act 1906 ss9 & 10 Local Government Act 1972 s214
to agree to maintain monuments and memorials	Parish Councils and Burial Authorities (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1970 s1
to contribute towards expenses of cemeteries	Local Government Act 1972 s214 (6)
to provide and maintain bus shelters	Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1953 s4
to make Bye Laws in regards to Pleasure Grounds	Public Health Act 1875 s164
Cycle Parks	Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 s57
Baths and Washhouses	Public Health Act 1936 s223
Open Spaces and Burial Grounds	Open Spaces Act 1906 ss12 & 15
Mortuaries and Post-Mortem Rooms	Public Health Act 1936 c198
to establish, maintain and assist others with car sharing schemes	Local Government and Rating Act 1997 s26
Duty to receive accounts of parochial charities	Charities Act 1960 s32
to provide public clocks	Parish Councils Act 1957 s2
as to maintenance of closed churchyards	Local Government Act 1972 s215
in relation to enclosures , as to regulation and management, and as to providing common pasture	Enclosure Act 1845; Local Government Act 1894 s8(4); Smallholdings & Allotments Act 1908 s34; Commons Act 1899
to provide and encourage the use of conference facilities	Local Government Act 1972 s144
to provide and equip buildings for use of clubs having athletic, social or educational objectives	Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 s19
to spend money on various crime prevention	Local Government and Rating

measures	Act 1997 s31
to assume a function delegated by another authority	Local Government Act 1972 ss101, 111 & 112
to ensure effective discharge of Council functions	ditto
to employ persons to carry out Council functions	ditto
to deal with ponds/ditches , agreements with landowners and with English Nature to manage Council-owned reserve land as a nature reserve	Public Health Act 1936 s260
to prosecute or defend	Local Government Act 1972 s222
to contribute to the preservation of historic buildings	Essex Act 1987 s48
Provision of litter receptacles	Litter Act 1983 ss5.6
to promote lotteries	Lotteries & Amusements Act 1976 s7
	Public Health Act 1936 s260
to acquire land and maintain	Public Health Act 1975 s164; Open Spaces Act 1906 ss9 & 10; Commons Act 1899
to direct as to the custody of parish property and records	Local Government Act 1972 s226
Right to be notified of and power to respond to planning applications	Town & Country Planning Act 1990 s1 ss8; Local Government Act 1972 s15 ss20
to pay the Post Office, British Telecommunications or any other public telecommunications operator any loss sustained in providing post or telegraph office or telecommunications facilities	Post Office Cat 1953 s51; Telecommunications Act 1984 s97
to provide Public Buildings and Village Halls	Public Health Act 1936 s87
to provide Public Conveniences	ditto
to make representations at public enquiries	Local Government Act 1982 s222
to publicise council and local authority functions	Local Government Act 1982 s142
to raise money through the precept	Local Government Act 1982 s150
to acquire land for or to provide recreation grounds, public walks, pleasure grounds and open spaces and to manage and control them	Public Health Act 1875 s164; Local Government Act 1972 s14 ss27; Public Health Acts Amendments Acts 1890 s44; Open Spaces Act 1906 ss9 & 10; Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 s19; Commons Act 1899
to provide gymnasiums, playing fields and holiday camps	ditto
Provision of boating pools	Public Health Act 1961 s54
to reimburse taxi operators for concessionary fares	Local Government and Rating

	Act 1997 s28
to contribute to organisations encouraging tourism	Local Government Act 1972 s144
to conduct surveys to establish the transport needs of the community , the use of and need for roads and the management and control of traffic	Local Government and Rating Act 1997 s29
to collect and disseminate passenger transport information and make grants for bus services	Local Government and Rating Act 1997 s29 (2) 27
to contribute financially to traffic calming schemes	Local Government and Rating Act 1997 s26
to train Councillors	Local Government Act 1972 s175
to spend money on community transport schemes	Local Government and Rating Act 1997 ss26-29
to maintain, repair and adapt war memorials	War Memorials (Local Authorities Powers) Act 1923 s1; as extended by Local Government Act 1948 s123
to utilise well, spring or stream and to provide facilities for obtaining water there from	Public Health Act 1936 s125