

POWERS AND DUTIES OF COLWICH PARISH COUNCIL

FUNCTION	POWER (<i>can do</i>)	DUTY (<i>must do</i>)	STATUTORY PROVISION
Allotments	To provide	To provide if demand unsatisfied and if reasonable	Small Holdings and Allotments Act 1908 Ss 23, 26 & 42
Baths & Washhouses	To provide including laundrettes		Public health Act 1936 ss 221, 222, 223 & 227
Burial Grounds, Cemeteries & Crematoria	To acquire and maintain Provide To agree to maintain monuments and memorials To contribute towards expenses of cemeteries		Open Spaces Act 1906 ss9&10 Local Government Act 1972 s214 Parish Councils & Burials Authorities (Misc. Provisions) Act 1970 s1 Local Government Act 1972 s214(6)
Bus Shelters	To provide and maintain		Local Government Misc. Provisions Act 1953 s4
Bus Services	To make grants of money (though not of a capital nature) for bus service appearing to benefit of people living in the council's area or community bus service		Local Government Rating Act 1997
Byelaws	Pleasure Grounds Baths and Wash houses Open Spaces & Burial Grounds & Mortuaries & Postmortem Rooms Cycle Parks		Public Health Act 1875 s 164 Public Health Act 1936 s 223 Open Spaces Act 1906s 15 Public Health Act 1936 s 198 Road Traffic Regs Act 1984 s 57(7)
Car Sharing Scheme	To establish and maintain, or to assist		Local Government Rating Act 1997

	others, in carsharing scheme for benefit of persons in council's area		
Chairman and Vice Chairman	To elect a vice-chairman, annually, from among the members of the Council.	To elect a chairman, annually, from among the members of the Council who remains in post until their successor becomes entitled to act as chairman, unless they resign or become disqualified. Election of a chairman to be the first business at the annual meeting	Local Government Act 1972 s 15(1)(4) Local Government Act 1972 s 15(2) Local Government Act 1972 s 15(6)
Chairman's Allowance	To pay the Chairman reasonable allowance		Local Government Act 1972 s 15(5) and 35(5)
Change of use of land	To use land by a parish council for another purpose other than what it was acquired for.		Local Government Act 1972 s126
Citizen's Advice Bureau	To assist bodies such as CABs in advising individuals and by making or receiving communications or by providing representation to or before any body or person in asserting an individual's rights or obligations		Local Government Act 1972 s142
Clocks	To provide public clocks		Parish Councils Act 1957 s2
Closed Churchyards	To maintain		Local Government Act 1972 s215

Commons and Common Pastures	In relation to enclosure as to regulation and management and as to providing common pasture		Enclosure Act 1845; Local Gov Act 1894 s 8 (4); Smallholdings & Allotments Act 1908 s 34
Conference Facilities	To provide & encourage use of facilities		Local Government Act 1972 s144
Community Centres	To provide and equip buildings for use of clubs having athletic, social or educational objectives		Local Gov (Misc. Provisions) Act 1976 s19
Crime Prevention	To install and maintain equipment with view to preventing and detecting crime in own area; may make grants of money to police authorities.		Local Government rating Act 1997
Drainage	To deal with ponds and ditches		Public Health Act 1936 s260
Education	To appoint school governors		Education (no 2) Act 1986 s4
Entertainment & the Arts	Provision of entertainment and support of the arts.		Local Government Act 1972 s145
Gifts	To accept		Local Government Act 1972 s139
Highways	To repair and maintain public footpaths and bridleways. To light roads and public places.		Highways Act 1980 ss 43 50 Parish Councils Act 1957 s3 Highways Act 1980 s 301 Litter Act 1983 ss 56

	<p>Provision of litter bins</p> <p>To provide parking places for vehicles, bicycles and motor cycles</p> <p>To enter into agreement as to dedication and widening.</p> <p>To provide roadside seats and shelters and omnibus shelters</p> <p>To complain to district council as to protection of rights of way and roadside waste.</p> <p>Consent of parish council required for ending maintenance of highway at public expense or for stopping up or diversion of highway.</p> <p>To provide traffic signs and other notices</p> <p>To plant trees etc and to maintain roadside verges.</p> <p>To fund traffic calming measures</p>		<p>Road Traffic Regulations Act 1984 ss 57, 63</p> <p>Highways Act 1980 ss 30, 72</p> <p>Parish Councils Act 1957 s1</p> <p>Highways Act 1980 s 130</p> <p>Highways Act 1980 ss 47, 116</p> <p>Road Traffic Reg Act 1984 s 72</p> <p>Highways Act 1980 s 96</p> <p>Local Government and Rating Act 1997, s 30</p>
Investments	To participate in schemes of collective investment		Trustee Investments Act 1961 s11
Investigation and publicity	To investigate the need for public passenger transport; the use and need for roads; the management and control of traffic		Local Government and Rating Act 1997
Land	To acquire land by agreement, to		Local Government Act 1972 ss 124, 126, 127

	appropriate, to dispose of To accept gifts of land.		Local Government Act 1972 s 139
Litter	Provision of receptacles		Litter Act 1983 ss5,6
Lotteries	To promote		Lotteries and Amusements Act 1976 s7
Mortuaries and Post Mortem rooms	To provide		Public Health Act 1936 s198
Newsletters	Provision of information relating to matters affecting local government. District Auditor now agrees that to develop the spirit of Best Value this power may be used for parish newsletters		Local Government Act 1972 s 142
Nuisances	To deal with offensive ditches		Public Health Act 1936 s260
Open Spaces	To acquire land and maintain		Public Health Act 1987 s164 Open Spaces Act 1906 ss 9&10
Parish Property & Documents	To direct as to their custody		Local Government Act 1972 s226
Public Buildings & Village Halls	To provide buildings for offices and for public meetings and assemblies		Local Government Act 1972 s133
Public conveniences	To provide		Public Health Act 1936 s87
Public inspection of documents	Public have the right to inspect certain documents		Local Government Act 1972 s228

Recreation	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 gymnasiums, playing fields, holiday camps Provision of boating pools		Public Health Act 1875 s 164; Local Government Act 1972 Sch14 para 27; Public Health Acts Amendment Act 1890 s 44; Open Spaces Act 1906 s 9 & 10 Local Govt (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 s 19 Public Health Act 1961 s 54
Staff	To appoint staff under reasonable terms and conditions	Appoint a Responsible Financial Officer (usually the Clerk)	Local Government Act 1972 s112 Local Government Act 1972 s151
Subscriptions to Staffordshire Parish Councils Association; National Association of Local Councils; Society of Local Council Clerks or any other associations	To subscribe to local government associations of officers or members.		Local Government Act 1972 s143
Subsidiary Powers	To do anything which is coincidental to the discharge of the council's functions		Local Government Act 1972 s111
Taxi fare concessions	To make arrangements with licensed taxi or hire car operator whereby he/she is reimbursed for giving fare concessions to persons resident in		Local Government Rating Act 1997

	council area eligible to receive travel concessions under scheme established by County or District under Transport Act 1985		
Town/Country Planning	Right to be notified of planning applications within the parish		Town and County Planning Act 1990 Sched 1 para 8
Tourism	To encourage tourism. To contribute to organisations encouraging tourism		Local Government Act 1972 s144
Traffic calming works, speed cameras, CCTV cameras etc	To contribute to expenditure by highway authority (principally County Council) in constructing, removing or maintaining traffic calming works, if it will be of benefit to the area		Local Government Rating Act 1997
Village Signs	To make and erect ornamental village signs under the power to encourage visitors to the locality		Local Government Act 1972 s144
War memorials	To maintain, repair, 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	To utilise well, spring or stream and provide facilities for		Public health Act 1936 s125

	obtaining water there from		
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