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ADVICE NOTE: Local Council Services and Powers

Function	Powers & Duties	Statutory Provisions
Allotments	Powers to provide allotments. Duty to provide allotment gardens if demand unsatisfied	Smallholdings & Allotments Act 1908, ss 23, 26 and 42
Baths and Washhouses	Power to provide public baths and washhouses	Public Health Act 1936, s 221
Burial grounds, cemeteries and crematoria	Power to acquire and maintain	Open Spaces Act 1906, ss 9 and 10;
	Power to provide	Local Government Act 1972, s.214;
	Power to agree to maintain monuments and memorials	Parish Councils and Burial Authorities (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1970, s.1;
	Power to contribute towards expenses of cemeteries	Local Government Act 1972, s.214(6)
Bus Shelters	Power to provide and maintain shelters	Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1953, s.4;
		Parish Councils Act 1957
Bye Laws	Power to make bye-laws in regard to pleasure grounds	Public Health Act 1875, s.164;
	Cycle Parks	Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, s.57(7)
	Baths and Washhouses	Public Health Act 1936, s.223
	Open spaces and burial grounds	Open Spaces Act 1906, s.15
	Mortuaries and post-mortem rooms	Public Health Act 1936, s.198

Charities	Duties re parochial charities	Charities Act 2011 s. 298
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, and as to providing common pasture	Inclosure Act 1845; 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 recreational 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
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
Highways	Power to repair and maintain public footpaths and bridle-ways	Highways Act 1980, ss.43, 50
	Power to light roads and public places	Parish Councils Act 1957, s.3; Highways Act 1980, s.301
	Provision of litter bins	Litter Act 1983, ss.5, 6
	Power to provide parking places for vehicles, bicycles and motor-cycles	Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, ss.57, 63
	Power to enter into agreement as to dedication and widening	Highways Act 1980, ss.30, 72
	Power to provide roadside seats and shelters, and omnibus shelters	Parish Councils Act 1957, s.1

