

Powers and Duties that could be exercised by Weston on the Green Parish Council

The parish council has a wide range of powers which it can exercise but not all are appropriate to a parish of this size. Below is a list of the powers that are appropriate for our village.

Function	Statutory Power and Duty	Details
Burial grounds and cemeteries	<p>Power to acquire and maintain</p> <p>Power to provide</p> <p>Power to agree to maintain monuments and memorials</p> <p>Power to contribute towards expenses at cemeteries</p>	<p>If the churchyard became full or the church no longer had a wish to maintain it, then the Parish Council could be asked to maintain it. If they didn't want ot then the responsibility would fall to the district Council.</p> <p>A hypothetical issue at the moment!</p>
Bus shelters	Power to provide and maintain shelters	<p>If we had a bus service the parish could own and maintain bus shelters.</p> <p>Another hypothetical issue at the moment!</p>
Bye Laws	Open spaces	<p>The Parish Council in cooperation with the District Council could implement bye laws against dog fouling in open spaces such as the playing field, village greens, etc.</p>
Clocks	Power to provide public clocks	<p>The parish could own and maintain a clock – it could be erected on a new traffic island on the B430 !</p>
Community Centres	Power to provide and equip buildings for use of clubs having athletic, social or educational objectives	<p>The parish council could contribute towards the upkeep of the village hall or towards any plans to extend it.</p>
Crime prevention	Power to spend money on various crime prevention measures	
Drainage	Power to deal with ponds and ditches	

Highways	Power to repair and maintain public footpaths and bridleways	The parish could carry out small scale repairs. etc to footpaths
	Power to light roads and public places	At the moment there is no wish by the majority of householders for any street lighting. But we could own and maintain street lights within the parish except those on the A34 road.
	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 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 maintain roadside verges	The Council provides a number of seats within the parish
Land and open spaces	Power to acquire by agreement, to appropriate, to dispose of	The parish does not own or lease any large areas of land. The playing field and spinney are owned by the Duchy of Cornwall and is leased to the Parish Council.
Litter	Provision of receptacle	These used to be provided by the District Council but are now provided by the Parish Council. Ordinary litter bins should be emptied by the council refuse team but dog bins are emptied by a dedicated team and the cost is charged to the Parish Council. It costs approximately £480 per annum to empty all the dog bins in the village.

Nuisances	Power to deal with offensive ditches	
Parish property and documents	Power to direct as to their custody	
Public buildings and village halls	Power to provide buildings for offices and for public meetings and assemblies	
Public conveniences	Power to provide	
Recreation	Power to acquire land for or to provide recreation grounds, public walks, pleasure grounds and open spaces and to control and manage them Power to provide playing fields	See under Land and open spaces
Town and country planning	Right to be notified of planning applications	
Tourism	Power to contribute to organisations encouraging tourism in the area	
Traffic calming	Powers to contribute financially to traffic calming Schemes	
Transport	Powers to spend money on community transport schemes	