

Swainswick Parish Council

Function, Powers & Duties (Statutory Provisions)

- Access land:** Power to enforce byelaws made by another authority.
Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000, s. 17
- Allotments:** Duty to provide allotments. Power to improve and adapt land for allotments, and to let grazing rights.
Small Holdings & Allotments Act 1908, ss. 23, 26, and 42
- Baths and huts washhouses:** Powers relating to provision of public baths, washhouses and bathing.
Public Health Act 1936, ss. 221 - 223 and 225 - 227
- Burial grounds:** Power to acquire and maintain, Power to provide, Power to agree to maintain monuments and memorials
Power to contribute towards expenses of cemeteries.
Open Spaces Act 1906, Ss 9 and 10; Local Government Act 1972, s. 214; Parish Councils and Burial Authorities (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1970, s. 1 Local Government Act 1972, s. 214(6)
- Bus shelters:** Power to provide and maintain shelters.
Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1953, s. 4
- Bye-laws:** Power to make bye-laws in regard to pleasure grounds: Cycle parks:
Baths and washhouses: Open spaces and burial grounds, Mortuaries and post-mortem rooms:
Public Conveniences Public Health Act 1875, s. 164: Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, s.57(7): Public Health Act 1936, s.223: Open Spaces Act 1906, ss.15 and 12: Public Health Act 1936, s.198: Public Health Act 1936, s. 87:
- 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:** Power for parish council to contribute to expense relating to scheme for the regulation and management of a common. *Commons Act 1899, s.5*
- Common pastures:** Powers in relation to providing common pasture.
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 install and maintain equipment and establish and maintain a scheme for detection or prevention of crime.
Local Government and Rating Act 1997, s.31
- Drainage:** Power to deal with ponds and ditches. *Public Health Act 1936, s.260*
- Entertainment/Arts:** Provision of entertainment and support of the arts.
Local Government Act 1972, s.145
- Financial assistance:** Duty to require information. *Local Government Act 1972, s.137A*
- General powers:** Power to incur expenditure for certain purposes.
Local Government Act 1972, s. 137
- Gifts:** Power to accept. *Local Government Act 1972, s.139*
- Highways:** Power to maintain footpaths and bridle-ways:
Power to light roads and public places:
Provision of litter bins:
Powers to provide parking places for bicycles and motor-cycles, and other vehicles:
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 highway authority as to unlawful stopping up or obstruction of highway or unlawful encroachment on roadside wastes:
Power to provide traffic signs and other objects or devices warning of danger:
Power to plant trees and lay out grass verges etc. and to maintain them.

Highways Act 1980, ss.43,50, Parish Councils Act 1957 s.3; Highways Act 1980, s.301; Litter Act 1983, ss.5,6; Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, ss.57,63; Highways Act 1980, ss.30,72; Parish Councils Act 1957, s.1; Highways Act 1980, ss.47,116; Highways Act 1980, s.130; Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, s.72; Highways Act 1980, s.96
- Investments:** Power to participate in schemes of collective investment Trustee.
Investments Act 1961, s.11
- Land Power:** to acquire by agreement, to appropriate, to dispose of. Power to accept gifts of land. *Local Government Act 1972, ss.124, 126, 127; Local Government Act 1972, s.139*
- Litter:** Provision of receptacles. *Litter Act 1983, ss.5,6*
- Lotteries:** Powers to promote. *Lotteries and Amusements Act 1976, s.7*

- Mortuaries and post mortem rooms:** Powers to provide mortuaries and post mortem rooms.
Public Health Act 1936, s.198
- Parish documents:** Powers to direct as to their custody. *Local Government Act 1972, s.226*
- Public buildings and village hall:** Power to provide buildings for public meetings and assemblies.
Local Government Act 1972, s.133
- Public conveniences:** Powers relating to provision of public conveniences.
Public Health Act 1936, s.87
- Recreation:** Power to acquire land for or to provide 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.
(see Local Government Act 1972, Sched.14 para.27): Public Health Act 1875, s.164: Public Health Acts Amendment Act 1890 s.44: Open Spaces Act 1906, ss.9: and 10 Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976, s.19: Public Health Act 1961, s.54
- Town and country Planning:** Right to be notified of planning applications.
Town and Country Planning Act 1990, Sched.1, para.8
- Tourism:** Power to encourage visitors and provide conference and other facilities. *Local Government Act 1972, s.144*
- Traffic calming:** Powers to contribute financially to traffic calming schemes.
Highways Act 1980, s.274A
- Transport:** Powers in relation to car-sharing schemes, taxi fare concessions and information about transport; Powers to make grants for bus services.
Local Government and Rating Act 1997, s.26, 28 and 29; Transport Act 1985, s.106A
- War memorials:** Power to maintain, repair, protect and alter war memorials.
War Memorials (Local Authorities' Powers) Act 1923, s.1; as extended by Local Government Act 1948, s.133
- Water supply:** Power to utilise well, spring or stream and to provide facilities for obtaining water from them. *Public Health Act 1936, s.125*