

## Powers and Responsibilities of Parish Councils

Shadwell Parish Council may only spend public money on projects or actions for which they have a Statutory Power. A list of the most relevant legislation is below. You will see the power quoted on the minutes, next to each cheque payment. All powers are voluntary, except that to provide allotments! Parish Councils came into being in an Act of 1894, taking over from the churchwardens and overseers of the poor. Shadwell has had a parish council since 2002.

### Some Statutory Powers of Local (Parish) Councils

<b>Local Government Act 1972</b>	
s.101	Assume a function delegated by another authority
s.111	Ensure effective discharge of council functions
s.112	Employ someone to carry out council functions
s.124	Buy or lease land for the community
s.142	Publicise council and local authority functions
s.145	Provide entertainment
s.150	Raise money by precept (Council Tax)
s.175	Train councillors
s.222	Make representation at public enquiries
s.226	Acquire historical records
Sch.13	Borrow money
Sch.16 para 20	Comment upon planning applications
<b>Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976</b>	
s.19	Provide or support recreational facilities
<b>Open Spaces Act 1906</b>	
s.9	Acquire and manage any open space including valuable habitats.
s.10	Administer open space held in trust Provide lighting for any open space
<b>Commons Act 1899</b>	
s.5	Manage common land
<b>Public Health Act 1875</b>	
s.164	Acquire and manage land for a village green Provide parks, pleasure grounds, public walks
<b>The Countryside Act 1958</b>	
s.27	Erect signs for a right of way
<b>Highways Act 1980</b>	
s.30	Create a right of way
s.43	Maintain a right of way
s.96	Plant verges with trees shrubs and bulbs (with Highways Authority consent)
<b>Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984</b>	
<b>Parish Councils Act 1957</b>	
s.1	Provide roadside seats (with Highways Authority consent)
<b>Litter Act 1983</b>	
s.5	Provide litter bins
<b>Smallholding and allotments Act 1908</b>	
s.26	Provide allotments
s.34	Acquire land for common pasture
<b>Local Government (Records) Act 1962</b>	
s.1	Make community records available to the public
s.2	Purchase records of local interest

s.4	Support local archives
<b>The Wildlife and Countryside Act, 1981</b>	
s.39	Local authorities make management agreements with landowners
<b>Environmental Protection Act 1990</b> and <b>Litter (Animal Droppings) Order 1991</b>	
	Must keep own land free of litter and dog faeces