

Parish Council

Agenda Item No 14

General Power of Competence

1.0 Introduction

The 'General Power of Competence' was introduced as part of the Localism Act 2011 and the Parish Council is in a position to decide whether to exercise this power.

2.0 Report Details

2.1 The Parish Council meets the criteria to use this additional power. The criteria are that two-thirds of the total number of Councillors must be elected and the Clerk be qualified and have completed any relevant training in the previous municipal year. The Clerk is CiLCA qualified which means that the Parish Council meet the criteria.

2.2 The 'General Power of Competence' allows a Parish Council to do anything that an individual can do where there is not an existing act. For example, the Parish Council could decide to run a shop or pub or give their funds to their favourite charity. It does not give the Council the power to carry work on say the highways as an individual would not be able to do this.

2.3 The 'General Power of Competence' has to be confirmed annually at the Annual Parish Council meeting that the Council still meets the criteria.

3.0 Recommendation

3.1 That the council confirms that it meets the criteria to adopt the 'General Power of Competence'.