

REDBOURN PARISH COUNCIL

COMMONS & OPEN SPACES COMMITTEE

Membership	A minimum of 5 and a maximum of 8 Councillors, one of whom is elected Chair with a Vice Chair to deputise in their absence.		
Frequency of Meetings	Every 3 rd Thursday of each month at 7.30pm at the Parish Centre (except for August)		
Matters Delegated to Committee			
Allotments	Powers to provide allotments. Duty to provide allotment gardens if demand unsatisfied.	Small Holdings Act 1908 ss23,26 & 42	Greyhound Meadow, Tassell Hall, Long Cutt
Burial Grounds, Cemeteries and Crematoria	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 ss9 & 10 Local Government Act 1972 s214 & Parish Councils and Burial Authorities (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1970 s1 & Local Government Act 1972 s214 (6)	
Bus Shelters	Power to provide and maintain shelters	Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1953 s4	Lybury Lane, Dunstable Road, High Street
Clocks	Power to provide public clocks	Parish Councils Act 1957 s2	High Street
Closed Churchyards	Powers as to maintenance	Local Government Act 1972 s215	
Commons and Common Pastures	Powers in relation to enclosure, as to regulation and management, and as to providing common pasture	Enclosure Act 1845; Local Government Act 1894 s8(4); Smallholdings & Allotments Act 1908 s34; Commons Act 1899	The Common
Drainage	Power to deal with ponds/ditches, agreements with landowners and with English Nature to manage Council-owned reserve land as a nature reserve: Power to deal with Ponds and Ditches: Power to deal with offensive ditches	Public Health Act 1936 s260	
Litter	Provision of receptacles	Litter Act 1983 ss5.6	High Street, The Common, Cumberland Garden, Millennium Site
Open Spaces	Power to acquire land and maintain	Public Health Act 1975 s164; Open Spaces Act 1906 ss9 & 10; Commons Act 1899	Nickey Line, Lamb Lane, Millenium Site, Cumberland Garden

Recreation	Power to acquire land for or to provide recreation grounds, public walks, pleasure grounds and open spaces and to manage and control them	Public Health Act 1875 s164; Local Government Act 1972 s14 ss27; Public Health Acts Amendments Acts 1890 s44; Open Spaces Act 1906 ss9 & 10; Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 s19; Commons Act 1899	Redbourn Recreation Centre, Dunstable Road
Power to provide gymnasiums, playing fields and holiday camps	as above	as above	as above
Provision of boating pools	Public Health Act 1961 s54		none
War Memorials	Power to maintain, repair and adapt war memorials	War Memorials (Local Authorities Powers) Act 1923 s1; as extended by Local Government Act 1948 s123	The Common
Flag Pole	To maintain the flag pole and the flag flying calendar		The Common
Water Supply	Powers to utilize well, spring or stream and to provide facilities for obtaining water there from	Public Health Act 1936 s125	
Play Areas	Power to acquire land for or to provide recreation grounds, public walks, pleasure grounds and open spaces and to manage and control them	Public Health Act 1875 s164; Local Government Act 1972 s14 ss27; Public Health Acts Amendments Acts 1890 s44; Open Spaces Act 1906 ss9 & 10; Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 s19; Commons Act 1899	East Common, Brooke End, Silk Mill Road, Long Cutt, Ridgedown, Nicholls Close, Flamsteadbury Lane
Dog Bins	Provision of litter bins	Litter Act 1983, ss.5,6	The Common (2), Long Cutt, Lybury Lane, Recreation Centre, Flamsteadbury Lane, Nickey Line, Recreation centre
Car Parks	Powers to provide parking places for bicycles and motor-cycles, and other vehicles	Highways Act 1980, ss.30,72	
Street Lighting	Power to light roads and public places	Highways Act 1980, s.301	
Public Seating	Power to provide roadside seats and shelters	Parish Councils Act 1957, s.1 Highways Act 1980, ss.47,116 Highways Act 1980, s.130	

Highways	Power to maintain footpaths and bridle-ways	Highways Act 1980, ss.43,50 Parish Councils Act 1957, s.3;	
	Power to light roads and public places	Highways Act 1980, s.301	
	Provision of litter bins	Litter Act 1983, ss.5,6	
	Powers to provide parking places for bicycles and motor-cycles, and other vehicles	Highways Act 1980, ss.30,72	
	Power to enter into agreement as to dedication and widening	Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, ss.57,63:	
	Power to provide roadside seats and shelters	Parish Councils Act 1957, s.1 Highways Act 1980, ss.47,116 Highways Act 1980, s.130	
	Consent of parish council required for ending maintenance of highway at public expense, or for stopping up or diversion of highway	Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, s.72 Highways Act 1980, s.96	
	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		
Traffic calming	Powers to contribute financially to traffic calming schemes	Highways Act 1980, s.274A	
Budgetary Control	for agreed delegated budget		
Obligations and Responsibilities	<p>The obligation of the Committee to is to ensure the efficient running of the Parish Council's open spaces in line with the powers outlined above.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Redbourn Common • The Moor • Nickey Line • Cumberland Garden • Millennium Site • Greyhound Meadow • Long Cutt Recreation Ground • The Panhandle • Play Areas - Flamsteadbury Play Area, East Common, Long Cutt, Brooke End, Silk Mill 		

	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Allotments – Tassell Hall, Long Cutt & Greyhound Meadow <p>Including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Controlling and collecting rentals for fairs on the Common• Controlling requests for other uses on the Common• Firework Display• Wayleaves and for services and access across the Common		
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