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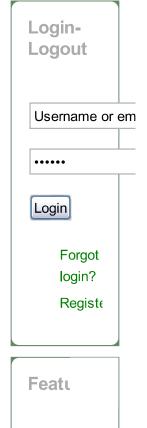
A: No The General Power of Competence does not apply to parish meetings and a parish council needs to have a fully qualified Clerk with the latest CiLCA qualification and 2/3 of the councillors need to have been elected by a normal election process (NOT co-opted) or they cannot use the power.

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