

David Smith
County Councillor for Lichfield Rural South

Annual Report 9 May 2017 – 31 March 2018

Introduction

I was first elected as County Councillor for the Lichfield Rural South electoral division in May 2013.

My division lies in the south of Lichfield and includes the wards of Little Aston, Shenstone, Stonall and Hammerwich and part of the ward of Bourne Vale (the parishes of Weeford and Hints with Canwell) and covers approximately 6683 hectares with a population of 13,265.



Special Responsibilities

I am the Chair of the Planning Committee.

Committee Membership and Attendance Record

My committee membership and attendance record can be seen below:

Meeting title	Possible attendances	Actual attendances	Apols	Absent
All Party Member Group – Communities	2	2	0	0
All Party Member Group – Improvement	4	2	2	0
Charities and Trusts Committee (Vice-Chair)	3	3	0	0
Countryside and Rights of Way Panel (Substitute)	1	1	0	0
County Council	8	8	0	0
Local Member Priority Meeting - Lichfield	4	3	1	0
Panning Committee (Chair)	4	4	0	0
Prosperous Staffordshire Select Committee	6	6	0	0

Total	32	29	3	0
Percentage		91%	9%	0%

I was also appointed to represent the county council on the following outside bodies:

- Campaign to Protect Rural England
- Design and Historic Environment Champion
- Landfill, Opencast and Quarry Site Liaison Committee/Group - Shire Oak
- Stafford Collegiate Governance Forum (Substitute)
- Staffordshire Local Government Association - Staffordshire Planning Forum (Substitute)

Schemes supported under the Staffordshire Local Community Fund

Applicant	Project	Amount
Lichfield Arts	Room hire, experienced facilitator, rehearsals, performance and new music arrangements, PA engineer, leaflets, poster and performing fees as part of the Blues and Jazz Festival	£400.00
Lichfield District Council	Sound, stage, lighting, orchestra, performers, Lichfield City concert band, toilet facilities, fireworks, security, first aiders, promotion & printing, equipment hire & PRS licence for the Lichfield Proms	£400.00
Stonnall Youth and Community Association	32 stackable tables to make greater use of space in community facilities	£400.00
Diamond Jubilee Allotment Society	Supply and installation of additional water troughs on the community allotment site	£400.00
Canwell Estate Agricultural Society	6x10ft steel gates to create a cattle walkway through to their large enclosure into the main arena for formal presentations	£400.00
Lichfield Chamber of Trade & Commerce	Entry fees, marketing, banners, flyers, plants, room hire,	£400.00

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	additional planters around city centre and skip hire as part of Blooming Lichfield	
Trinity Methodist Church	Painting existing handrail on access ramp, installation of handrails on steps to community rooms, replacement of rainwater disposal gutter and downpipes for scout hut and church porch	£300.00
Little Aston Tennis Club	The replacement of a section of wall of the bottom court the Little Aston tennis club	£400.00
Stonnall Playing Fields Association	Repairing slabs over buried time capsule (which was part of the Queen's 90th Birthday celebrations) to fix a plaque on brick plinth, clearance of broken wall and attend to brickwork to drive entrance	£200.00
St Giles Hospice	Funding towards referral for initial or intensive treatments, reviews, patient and visitor chairs, low tables, notice boards, display cabinet, reception desk, painting and decoration of the reception for the Lymphoedema Clinic	£400.00
Shenstone Community Library	A new door for the library volunteers who are seated at desks opposite the main door, so they will feel more secure and comfortable during the winter months	£400.00
Lichfield Talking News	Media players and USB sticks for 7 new listeners	£400.00
Hints Village Hall	Sound system, wiring and installation	£400.00
Shenstone Village Hall	Ramp for wheelchair users, blackboards for scoring and lighter bowls	£400.00
St Bartholomew's Church Hints PCC	Funding towards pruning of trees and shrubs and removal of moss on paths to burial ground	£400.00

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Wall Village Hall	Vertical blinds, fittings and timber for new internal sills	£400.00
Lichfield Arts	Design and production of banners to improve marketing and publicity of the community band Blass Off	£200.00
Lichfield Greenhill Bower Committee	4 pop up marquees for use at the Beacon Park Bower Day and for loan to local organisations throughout the year	£400.00
The Friends of Fotherley hall	4 wheelchairs to take more residents out into the local community for outings and visits to local attractions	£400.00
Total spend		£7,100.00

Councillor Development

(This section covers training and development you have undertaken)

- 29/03/2018 - Excel for Members
- 27/03/2018 - Members Spring Event
- 22/03/2018 - Cyber Security
- 13/02/2018 - Dementia Awareness
- 29/01/2018 - Time Management for Members
- 30/11/2017 - How ICT works in Staffordshire
- 13/11/2017 - Connecting with your Communities - Social media training for members
- 07/11/2017 - Members' Autumn Even
- 12/10/2017 - My Staffs App Training for Members
- 05/10/2017 - Staffordshire Observatory Training
- 11/09/2017 - Finance Training for Members
- 07/09/2017 - Members Claims Training
- 04/07/2017 - Medium Term Financial Strategy Member Briefing
- 30/06/2017 - Infrastructure+
- 30/06/2017 - Infrastructure+ Operational Control Room Visit
- 28/06/2017 - Emergency Planning Briefing for Members
- 20/06/2017 - Word Essentials
- 14/06/2017 - People Helping People

Remuneration

My Allowances and Expenses

Basic allowance	£9,462.24
Special Responsibility Allowance	£6,211.72
Mileage	£961.20
Other	£27.70
Subsistence	£281.60
Total allowances cost	£16,944.46

My return mileage from home to County Buildings, where many meetings take place, is 44 miles.