



# RADFORD SEMELE PARISH COUNCIL

## RADFORD SEMELE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING 2021

### PLANNING COMMITTEE REPORT

The major planning issue in 2020/2021 has been the approval by the Parish Council of the Radford Semele Neighbourhood Plan. The plan has been accepted by Warwick District Council and will be subject to a referendum on 6 May 2021. If it is approved by the referendum the Neighbourhood Plan will be part of the planning framework against which applications for development in the parish will be considered. The plan helps to protect sensitive areas from development including some significant open spaces and an area of separation between the village and Leamington Spa/Whitnash. It seeks to enhance the environment, maintain the identity of the village and flag up important issues like traffic management. Special thanks are due to the Neighbourhood Planning Group led by Olly Aries which has developed the plan on behalf of the Parish Council.

Warwick District Council has defined a Canalside Conservation Area which includes the Parish Church and some adjoining areas. The Parish Council has requested that the field to the east of Church Lane is added to the Conservation Area.

All planning applications within the parish are considered and, where appropriate, comments are submitted to the planning authority, Warwick District Council. An application to build outside the village envelope at The Valley went to appeal. The Parish Council opposed the appeal which was turned down by the inspector.

The Parish Council commented on the Government's proposals to significantly change the national planning framework. The Parish Council considers that the proposals will give communities less opportunity to comment on planning applications including those for major development. Accordingly, it has objected to the relevant parts of the proposals.

Where appropriate the Parish Council comments on proposals in nearby areas which may affect the village. It commented on the proposed development south of Chesterton Gardens, Whitnash and it supported the extension of the Offchurch Greenway eastwards beyond the Fosse Way.

Finally, the Parish Council will be monitoring and commenting on the review of the Warwick and Stratford local plans as the two district councils seek to prepare a local plan which covers the whole of South Warwickshire.