

## RADFORD SEMELE PARISH ANNUAL MEETING APRIL 2023

### PLANNING COMMITTEE REPORT

The Planning Committee looks at all the planning applications in the parish and decides whether to make comments to the planning authority, which is Warwick District Council. The parish council can only make comments. Decisions are made by the district council. Most applications are for home extensions.

The parish council objected to the proposal to demolish St. Andrews Hall in order to build two houses. That application was withdrawn. There have also been one or two proposals to build on garden land to which the parish council has objected and the district council has refused.

Sometimes proposals in other parishes affect Radford Semele parish. A proposal to build a large solar farm in Ufton parish close to the Fosse Way was considered and an objection submitted to Stratford District Council which refused the application because of its scale.

Warwick and Stratford District Councils are consulting on a new Local Plan for the whole of South Warwickshire. The plan will set the framework for future development including the allocation of new housing. Several landowners and developers have put forward greenfield sites in the parish for consideration for housing development.

At this stage there are five options for the allocation of housing development in South Warwickshire. The indicative allocations for Radford Semele range from 1000 to 4000 under the highest option to 0 under the lowest option. Clearly, the choice of the final option will be very significant for the village.

The parish council has submitted a detailed response to the current phase of consultation and has made it clear that it believes that Radford Semele should not be allocated further significant housing development.

There will be further consultation as the district councils refine their plans and, of course, the parish council will take every opportunity it has to make further comments as the Local Plan process evolves.