

## RADLEY PARISH COUNCIL

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**NOTICE OF A MEETING OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE** of RADLEY PARISH COUNCIL to be held at 7.20 pm on THURSDAY 17<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2020 ONLINE to transact the business set out below.

**To join the meeting from a computer, tablet or smartphone**, use the link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81651694224?pwd=dWxoADgrQVMvYVRFNGg4ZTZwbkFZUT09>

Alternatively go to the zoom website (zoom.us), click 'join a meeting' Enter the **Meeting ID: 816 5169 4224**

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Jane Dymock (Clerk)  
11<sup>th</sup> December 2020

### AGENDA

**1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:** To receive

**2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:** To receive<sup>i</sup>

**DISPENSATIONS:** To consider any requests for a dispensation from the restriction on voting on a matter in which a member has a disclosable pecuniary interest.

**3. MATTERS RAISED BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC:**

**4. MINUTES OF THE 22<sup>nd</sup> OCTOBER MEETING:**

To accept the minutes as an accurate account of the meeting

**5. PLANNING APPLICATIONS:** The committee is asked to comment on the following application:

5.1 [P20/V3022/HH](#)

New vehicle access & crossover application.

7 Road Running Through Lower Radley Lower Radley Abingdon OX14 3AX

5.2 [P20/V2096/HH](#)

To supply & fit 3 metre high fencing & gates to the perimeter of the property. (as amended by drawings received 27 November 2020).

43 Sandford Lane Kennington

**6. CORRESPONDENCE**

To consider:

To the members of the Council,

I see that yet more applications for conversion of single storey houses to two storey houses in Radley have been submitted or approved by the VWHDC.

Radley used to be renowned for the number of bungalows in the village but a steady trickle of roof conversions over several years has gradually depleted the stock of such houses, which for obvious reasons are popular with the elderly and those with mobility issues. Whilst I understand that central Government, in its wisdom, is encouraging upward building and virtually unlimited restriction of any kind of house extension, I wish to express my concern about the inevitable shortage of single storey dwellings that will arise as a result of this policy.

I appreciate that the Parish Council has negligible say in planning matters but I feel that objections ought to be robustly lodged for the reasons I have mentioned, and a lobbying campaign, in alliance with

other parish councils, of Vale planning officers and Government be mounted. The same could apply for the designs of buildings to be extended: there are at least two recent examples in my neighbourhood which are totally incongruous, with no attempt whatsoever having been made to blend in, specifically 69 Foxborough Road which is an eyesore and an absolute abortion of an extension, the architect and owners displaying an arrogant disregard for its impact on the local area.

I would further add that several of the conversions that have been made were obviously made by speculators/developers, that is they bought the house, converted it and then sold again; I have no problem with speculating per se but I think it a bit rich that they come along, contribute to the alteration of the area and decrease the amount of bungalows available in order to make a nice profit, and then move on without any care as to what they have done.

It may be that the Parish Council does not agree with my views or feels powerless to do anything. To this I would repeat my comment about bungalows being popular with certain needy members of the community and how this will ultimately impact on not only them but also on Social Services and the NHS.

**7. INFORMATION:** None

**8. PLANNING DECISIONS:** None

**9. DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING:** 28<sup>th</sup> January 2021 (if required)

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#### **<sup>i</sup> Notes on declaration of interest**

Any Member arriving after the start of the meeting is asked to declare pecuniary interests, as necessary, as soon as practicable after their arrival, even if the item in question has been considered. National rules about pecuniary interests are set out in [Chapter 7 of the Localism Act 2011](#) and in secondary legislation made under the Act, in particular [The Relevant Authorities \(Disclosable Pecuniary Interests\) Regulations 2012](#)