

Joint meeting of representatives of North Bradley Parish Council and Trowbridge Town Council.

The meeting (10th December 2020) discussed issues relating to planning applications for Wiltshire Housing Site Allocation Plan site H2.2 on land situated between White Horse Business Park and North Bradley Village.

In particular, the meeting considered matters relating to the proposal by the applicant (Vistry Homes Ltd, application [20/05805/OUT](#)) to provide a burial ground extension adjacent to the existing Baptist Church burial ground.

The existing burial ground is at capacity and is the only burial ground in North Bradley.

All of the land covered by the allocation site and therefore all of the applications will be transferred to Trowbridge Town Council as a result of a Community Governance Review which will be implemented on 1st April 2021.

The proposed burial ground extension is unable to provide sufficient space, partly due to the existence of open ditches on its boundaries, which limit the area in which burials can be undertaken.

The Baptist Church has indicated that it does not wish to take responsibility for any new burial ground which is within the allocation site but North Bradley Parish Council would be willing to take on the responsibility as a burial authority.

The proposal agreed by the representatives of the two councils therefore is as follows:

- Request that the applicant provides; and Wiltshire Council as Planning Authority conditions or otherwise ensures a legally binding agreement is required as part of any planning permission, to provide;
 - a larger area for the New Burial Ground as indicated in RED on the plan below, extracted from the applicant's plan.
 - the existing agricultural building; retained, improved and converted, to be used as a Store & Shelter for use of the sexton/contractors and visitors to the New Burial Ground, indicated in YELLOW on the extract plan below.
 - that the New Burial Ground and the Store & Shelter are transferred to whichever parish/town council in whose boundaries they are situated on the date of the transfer.
- That if the New Burial Ground and the Store & Shelter are transferred to Trowbridge Town Council, then Trowbridge Town Council will offer a long term lease of them to North Bradley Parish Council, for a peppercorn.
- That existing and future residents of those areas to the south and west of the A363 (between Bradley Road/Woodmarsh Roundabout and Westbury Road/Phillips Way Roundabout) which at 31st December 2020 are within the boundaries of North Bradley Parish, will, in perpetuity, have the same rights of burial in the New Burial Ground as residents of North Bradley Parish as defined by the Community Governance Review being implemented on 1st April 2021.

