

RUNTON PARISH COUNCIL

Draft Minutes of an Extraordinary Meeting held by the above on Monday 18th November 2024 at East Runton Reading Room. Commencing at 7:00pm

Present: Councillors: Ms. C. Davidson – Chair. Mr. S. Gurney – Vice Chair. Mr. K. Jonas, Ms. A. Debacker, Mr. R. Annis, Mr. M. Lerego, Mrs. B. Memish, Mr. P. Nichols. Mrs. C. Rennison. Ten members of the public. The Clerk Ms. B. Emery taking the minutes. Absent: Mr. C. Hawkins, Ms. T. Edwards.

24/179. To open the meeting for public comments/questions

The meeting was open and several members of the public were concerned about the item PO/24/2081. General consensus was about the loss of wildlife, the close proximity to houses in Boulevard Road, the number of houses proposed, increased traffic and the AONB close by maybe affected.

24/180. To receive and accept apologies for absence - None

24/181. To hear any declarations of interest in the following item. - None

24/182. To discuss the Outline Planning Application (PO/24/2081) for houses on land off A 149 known as The Kraft and decide on a response.

Councillors in turn expressed their views. There were three councillors who were of the opinion that the site is infill and housing is needed. Other points concerning wildlife and number of dwellings in close proximity to others and the AONB.

After much discussion the Outline plans in the application were put to the vote for approval or objection. It was agreed to tender an “**objection**” with six votes for objecting and three votes against. The following grounds for objection are:

- Lack of infrastructure locally to support extra inhabitants.
- Traffic increase with an hotel opposite the entrance/exit will cause problems in summer
- The development would close the only wildlife corridor to the coast as it is a very active nature site. Photographic evidence can be produced proving the existence of **protected** species eg; nesting of reptiles, badgers, bats and birds, particularly raptors using the site as a hunting ground.
- Conservation has not been addressed enough as a tractor was seen working on the site just days before the Environmental study was done which we believe could have impacted on the findings and the fact that the site butts up to an AONB should be considered.
- The Carbon Impact Statement is undesirable as the doors open to the elements with no protection from the north east, ie; no porches.
- It is also believed that the percentage of affordable housing has not been complied with.
- Regarding the statements 197 and 198 in the “Planning Statement” which claim that Runton Parish Council met with the developers and were in support. This is refuted by the Parish council as a false claim. A resident of the area who happened to be a councillor with one other councillor were approached by Cretingand Coast representatives on site, and some requests for alterations to the incorrect plans on fencing and accesses were suggested and agreed to by the developers at that time. There has never been a Runton Parish Council meeting to discuss this until 18th November when the plans had been received and Cretingand Coast have never engaged with the Runton Parish Council at any of their meetings in spite of being asked.

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