

Cllr Smith as RFO be added as additional signatory. A letter has been sent to Barclays requesting the previous 3 years statements to enable account ratification.

b. Precept FY 24/25. A Parish Precept Application for FY24/25 has been submitted.

c. CIL Bids. Two CIL bids submitted with the outcome expected in late March. Bids have been submitted for new Glasdon gateways at the entrance to the village and, in a joint bid with Castle Rising Cricket Club, replacement tables and chairs for the pavilion, now the home of CRPC.

Traffic Working Group

The ideal time for the Feasibility Study would be in June-August, when the village attracts the greatest number of tourists and is at its busiest. However, the Road Safety Team are fully committed for the next nine months and the Feasibility Study is therefore likely to be conducted the summer of 2025.

Open Forum

Cllr Ring reported that the Borough Council has voted to increase Council Tax on empty properties aimed at bringing up to 2,000 homes back into use. Sites for Travellers were discussed but will not directly affect Castle Rising. CRPC may wish to take on ownership of shared community facilities at the new housing development at Knights Hill, in particular management of the new allotments.

Dr. Blades raised a question regarding the blue village entrance signs - Cllr Taylor stated that a commitment had been made to consult residents and would be undertaken to take place as part of the Feasibility Study future consultation.

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Street Lighting: K&M Lighting who are responsible for maintenance have failed to respond to repeated emails and phone calls. Cllr Curtis will investigate a local alternative so that a light bulb in Church Crofts can be replaced without further delay, and will seek a local company to take over maintenance of street lighting.

Litter Picks: Cllr Cheney to circulate the dates for future litter picks.

Village Meal: Cllr Cheney reported a good response to the meal at the Black Horse on Tuesday 6th February, with up to 65 expected.

Website: Cllr Savage will make an application to have a hosted website. Councillors have been requested to submit a short bio plus a picture (head and shoulders) to Cllr Savage as soon as possible.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 7.04pm.