

# RENHOLD PARISH COUNCIL

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Dear Renhold Village Magazine,

Thank you for attending a meeting with the Finance Working Group in February. The aim of the meeting was to discuss the grant you receive from the Parish Council, how the money is being used, what your expectations for the forthcoming year are, and other potential ways of sourcing funds. Following the meeting, the Finance Working Group made recommendations for the Parish Council to consider at their meeting on 17<sup>th</sup> March 2009. Your application was discussed and the following resolution was agreed:

For the next financial year 09/10 that the Parish Council pays a grant to Renhold Village Magazine as contribution towards increased printing costs. The Council recognised that the editorial team will need to have additional copies printed over the next year to cover the new developments along Norse Road. However the numbers of properties shown on the electoral register do differ from those provided by the Editorial Team. From the numbers available through to the Council through the Electoral Register an additional 50 copies have been identified as being needed in the short term and a further 50 in the medium/long term. This will still allow spare copies for sending to Unitary Councillors, local Police and for copies to be left in the Post Office.

To help cover those increased printing costs above the grant will be a total of £1380 payable in two instalments of £650 and £730.

The Council recommend that the following be also consider by the magazine:

1. The advertising rates have not been increased for a number of years. With the increased circulation an increase should be considered.
2. The quality of the current magazine is of a very high standard; however can the current print provider offer options on different qualities of paper that will still allow for colour printing?
3. Alternative quotes should be sought to ensure that the current print provider is providing the printer material at a competitive rate.
4. Options should be looked at to have the printed material collated and stapled to reduce the future reliance on the stapler which may need attention or replacing in the future.

The above agreed grant can be requested at any point during the financial year, by writing to the Clerk to the Council. The item will then be placed on the agenda at the next subsequent meeting.

The Parish Council also agreed that they will consider one off applications from any organisations within the village; these can be made by completing a grant application

form available from the Clerk, and then will be considered by the full Council in due course.

If you have any questions or concerns in regard to the above then please feel free to contact me on (01234) 841835.

Yours sincerely

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Renhold Parish Clerk