

CONSTITUTION

1. The name of the society shall be the KINEWELL TRUST.
2. The Trust is established for the following purposes in the area known as Kinewell Lake in the parish of Ringstead (and any other such areas as may be managed by the Trust in the future) hereinafter referred to as 'the area of benefit':
 - (1) to secure the preservation, protection, development and improvement of features historic or public interest in the area of benefit.
 - (2) to educate the public in the geography, history, natural history and architecture in the area of benefit.
 - (3) to promote high standards of planning in or affecting the area of benefit.

To further such purposes the Trust shall have the powers, through the Management Committee:

- (i) to promote civic pride in the area of benefit.
- (ii) to promote research into subjects directly concerned with the Trust.
- (iii) to act as a co-ordinating body and cooperate with all the statutory authorities, organisations and persons having aims similar to the Trust.
- (iv) to promote or assist charitable activities in the area of benefit.
- (v) to publish papers, reports, etc. and hold meetings, exhibitions etc.
- (vi) to make surveys and plans and collect information in relation to any place or building in the area of benefit.
- (vii) to educate public opinion and give advice and information.
- (viii) to raise funds and receive funds from any person or persons whatever by subscription, donation, or otherwise, provided that the Trust shall not undertake any permanent trading activities in raising funds.
- (ix) to acquire by purchase' gift or otherwise property whether subject to special trust or not.
- (x) subject to such consents as may be required by law, to sell, let, dispose of or turn to account any property or funds of the Trust as shall be necessary.
- (xi) subject to such consents as may be required by law, to borrow or raise money for the Trust as the Management Committee shall think fit, without any liability to individual members of the Trust.
- (xii) to do all such other things necessary to attain said purposes.

3. All persons entered on the Electoral Roll for the time being of the parish of Ringstead shall be entitled to attend, and vote at, General Meetings of the Trust, and such persons shall also be eligible for election to the Management Committee.
4. An Annual General Meeting shall be held in or about April of each year to receive the Management Committee's report and audited accounts, and to elect representatives to the Management Committee. Special Meetings shall be called at the request of the Management Committee or any fifteen (15) members on submission of a written request to the Chairman or Secretary for the time being. At any such General meeting or Annual

Meeting a quorum shall consist of a minimum of twelve (12) members; if a quorum of such numbers is not achieved the meeting shall be adjourned, and if reconvened at a date not more than twenty-one (21) days later, and a quorum at any such reconvened meeting shall consist of the members present at that meeting. Agenda for any such General Meeting shall be displayed in a public place not less than one week before the meeting, and any such agendas shall constitute formal notice for that Meeting.

5. The Management Committee shall be responsible for the management and administration of the Trust. It shall consist of four (4) members appointed annually by the Ringstead Parish Council, and six (6) members appointed by the Annual General Meeting to serve for a period of two (2) years, three (3) members to be appointed at each such Annual Meeting. The Management Committee shall be responsible, at its first meeting after the Annual General meeting of the Trust, for appointing its Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer for the ensuing year; it shall also appoint a suitable Auditor. The Management Committee shall have the power to co-opt such further members as it shall see fit for their expertise, and such co-opted members shall attend meetings of the Committee in an advisory and non-voting capacity only.
6. The Management Committee may constitute such sub-committees from time to time as shall be considered necessary. All actions of such sub-committees shall be reported to and confirmed by the management as soon as possible. Sub-committees may be regulated or dissolved by the Management Committee.
7. It shall be the duty of every member of the Management Committee who is in any way, directly or indirectly, interested financially or professionally in any item discussed at any Committee meeting to declare such interest, and shall not discuss (except by invitation of the Committee) or vote upon the item.
8. The Management Committee shall, from the funds of the Trust, pay all proper expenses of administration and management; remaining sums of money shall be applied in furtherance of the purposes of the Trust.
9. All monies belonging to the Trust and not required for immediate use shall be invested in such a way as the Management Committee shall think fit, subject to such authority, approval or consent by the Charity Commissioners as may be required by law or by any special trusts concerning property managed by the Trust.
10. Any property acquired by the Trust shall be vested in Trustees, from two (2) to four (4) in number, as shall be decided at a general meeting. Such Trustees need not be a member of the Trust, but they shall be appointed by majority vote at a formally convened General Meeting. The Trust shall indemnify the Trustees if their duties, and any liability shall be a proper administrative expense of the Trust.
11. The Constitution may be amended by a 75% majority of members present at a General Meeting of the Trust, provided that such meeting has been called in accordance with the regulations in paragraph (4) above, and provided that nothing shall authorise any amendment which could cause the Trust to cease to be a charity in law.
12. The Trust may be dissolved by a 75% majority of members present at a formally convened General Meeting of the Trust confirmed by a majority of members present and voting at a further Special Meeting held not less than fourteen (14) days after the previous meeting. In the event of such dissolution the available funds of the Trust shall be divided between the Ringstead Parish Council and the Northamptonshire Trust for Nature Conversation.