

Pensford, Publow and the Stantons Community Trust (“PPSCT”)

Registered Charitable Incorporated Organisation Number 1160279

Resolution to amend the Constitution

1. Background

The original constitution approved by the Charity Commission on 2nd February 2015 had at paragraph 16 the following provision:

“Any person who retires as a charity trustee by rotation or by giving notice to the CIO is eligible for reappointment. A charity trustee who has served for four consecutive terms may not be reappointed for a fifth consecutive term but may be reappointed after an interval of at least three years.”

At AGM 2019 members approved inter alia:

“Trustees shall initially be elected for terms of three years, renewable a maximum of twice (so a maximum period of office of nine years consecutively).”

At AGM 2023 the eligibility criteria were updated but not the maximum terms of office.

2. Present Position

There are presently the following Trustees:

Name	Village	Year of first appointment
Andrew Hillman	Pensford	2015
Tony Heaford	Pensford	2015
Sue Osborne	Stanton Drew	2015
Derek Winstone	Stanton Drew	2018
Liz Richardson	Stanton Drew	2019
Eilish McNickle	Pensford	2023
Mark Finn	Outside	2023

Under the rules adopted in 2019 therefore three trustees must retire and not be reappointed at AGM 2024. These rules allow for a minimum of four and a maximum of eight trustees at least two of whom must reside in each village and not more than two reside outside either village (but within three miles).

There are presently just over 100 individuals eligible to be appointed a trustees, although with couples well represented in the membership in practice this probably reduces to some 80.

Another significant number no longer live locally so are ineligible to serve as trustees and several others have served in the past. We have succeeded in recruiting four excellent new trustees in the past six years. Further we have been able to find members prepared to take on three of the more onerous responsibilities of Secretary, Treasurer and Publicity officer. Nevertheless, it remains challenging to persuade further members to join the Board.

Andrew Hillman, Tony Heaford and Sue Osborne have all indicated their willingness to continue in office for at least a year.

3. Proposal

The simplest method would seem to be to revert to the original constitution paragraph 16 above and allow for trustees to be re-elected to serve a maximum of four terms of three years.