A person elected or co-opted to the office of parish councillor shall, at or before the first meeting of the council following his election or co-option sign the below declaration of acceptance of office or, if the council so permits, the declaration may be signed at or before a later meeting. Failure to sign a declaration of acceptance of office shall result in the office becoming vacant. The Proper Officer shall retain copies of all signed declarations.

**DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE**

I [ (1) ] having been elected to the office of [ (2) ] of [ (3) ] declare that I take that office upon myself and will duly and faithfully fulfil the duties of it according to the best of my judgment and ability.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

This declaration was made and signed before me,

Signed \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Proper officer of the council (4).

*(1) Insert the name of the person making the declaration.*

*(2) Insert “Member”, “Chairman” or “Mayor” as appropriate.*

*(3) Insert the name of the authority of which the person making the declaration is a member.*

*(4) Where the declaration is made before another person authorised by section 83(3) of the Local Government Act 1972, state instead the capacity in which that person takes the declaration.* A declaration for members of parish councils shall be made before a member or the proper officer of the council.