***Standard Parochial Church Council Resolution to Sponsor Candidates for Authorised Lay Ministry***

A resolution of the Parochial Church Council\* of the benefice of ……………………………………………………..\* agreed at a meeting of the council on ……………………………………………….……….\* to sponsor ………………………………………………………….……….. \* *[add full name]* for training and authorisation as an Authorised Lay Minister to work in this benefice, believing that they are a fit and proper person to act as a public representative of the Church in the Benefice.

This resolution is subject to satisfactory completion of Safer recruitment procedures including the necessary safeguarding training and an up to date DBS check. The number of votes was as follows:

For……………………. Against……………………… Abstained…………………………

In pursuance of this resolution, the Parochial Church Council agrees:

* To ensure that the person named above continues to be properly checked by the Disclosure & Barring Service [DBS] and undertakes mandatory safeguarding refresher training in accordance with the requirements of the Diocese of Lincoln;
* To support and encourage the person named above to fulfil such training requirements as are stipulated by the Diocese of Lincoln;
* To reimburse such reasonable expenses as the person named above may incur in undertaking their training obligations;
* To support in their ministry, both spiritually and practically, the person named above, as and when they are duly authorised to minister within the benefice.

Name and Signature of the Parish Priest/Rural Dean …………………………………………………………………..

Name and Signature of the PCC secretary

Date ………………………….

Name of Parish ………………………………………………………………………………………………………………..…………..…

***Please return this form to the rural dean***