



Working with the DAC

Getting the best support for your project

- Walker Laphorne – Chair of Diocesan Advisory Committee

- *What is the DAC and who are the members?*

Chair

Deputy Chair

4 Archdeacons

Synod Clergy Member

Synod Lay Member

Diocesan Archaeological Advisor

Nominees from Historic England, National Amenity Societies and Local Authorities

Architects

Heating, lighting and conservation experts

Supported by Nigel and Alex

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- *What does the DAC do?*

DAC is an advisory body:

The grant of faculties

The architecture, archaeology, art and history of places of worship

The use, care, planning, design and redundancy of places of worship

The use and care of their contents

The use and care of associated burial grounds

- *What happens at a DAC meeting*

Consider faculty applications submitted to the Diocese

Make recommendations to the Chancellor of the Diocese

Recommend any conditions to be attached to permissions

- *What support can the DAC offer and at what stage can churches access this?*

DAC committee meeting is the end of the process.

Involve the DAC at the earliest possible stage

Informal site visits

- MYTHBUSTING #1

The DAC act as a block rather than a facilitator – deciding or delaying faculty applications

- MYTHBUSTING #2

The DAC would not embrace substantial change, so there's no use asking

- MYTHBUSTING #3

The DAC make unreasonable demands

- Nigel Pratt, DAC Secretary and Senior Buildings officer
- *What do the Church Buildings team do?*
- *How can they support churches?*
- *How do churches know who they can use for works and maintenance?*
- *Is your support just about the church building itself? What about churchyards and church halls?*

- MYTHBUSTING #1

The Diocese don't understand what it's like in ancient, rural churches

- MYTHBUSTING #2

The faculty process is designed to put people off applying in the first place

- Alex Copsey – Secretary to the CBSC and Church Buildings Advisor
- *What is the role of the CBSC and how do the Church Buildings team contribute to that?*
- *Are churches on their own when it comes to applying for a faculty?*
- *What's the difference between List A and List B applications?*

- MYTHBUSTING #1

If the church closes, the Diocese will have to pay to fix it anyway, so they could just give us the money now