been raised. The chancellor did not consider it appropriate for him to seek to resolve sensitive and difficult doctrinal issues, nor to apply his own subjective aesthetic judgment. Having regard to the support of the DAC and the majority of the PCC, the chancellor held that the will of the majority should prevail and granted the faculty. [RA]

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Re Hagley Municipal Cemetery
Worcester Consistory Court: Mynors Ch, July 2010
Exhumation – Roman Catholicism

The deceased and his widow were both Roman Catholics. The widow petitioned for the exhumation of the deceased's remains from the consecrated area of the local municipal cemetery for their re-interment in the local Roman Catholic cemetery. She argued that exceptional circumstances existed on the basis of mistake in that she had not previously known that a Roman Catholic cemetery existed in the area, that the plot in which her husband was buried was unsafe and vulnerable to a landslip and that the direction in which her husband had been buried was incorrect. The evidence did not support these arguments and the chancellor rejected them accordingly. Nevertheless, the chancellor considered the decision in *Re Putney Vale Cemetery*[4] and held that a mistake had been made sufficient to amount to exceptional circumstances in that the widow had no understanding of the nature and significance of consecration and therefore did not fully appreciate the permanence of burial in consecrated ground. A faculty was granted. [RA]

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Re Bromsgrove Old Cemetery
Worcester Consistory Court: Mynors Ch, July 2010
Exhumation – scattering of ashes

The deceased's widow petitioned for a faculty for the exhumation of the deceased's cremated remains from the consecrated area of the local municipal cemetery in order that she could scatter them in accordance with his dying wishes. During the last 15 years of his life the deceased had been confined to a wheelchair and had expressed a desire for his remains to be scattered in order that he 'at last could be free'. The widow acknowledged that she had 'selfishly'

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