

In the Matter of Chenies Village Green, Chenies, Buckinghamshire.

DECISION

This reference relates to the question of the ownership of land known as Chenies Village Green, Chenies, being the land comprised in the Land Section of Register Unit No. CL 272 in the Register of Common Land maintained by the former Buckinghamshire County Council of which no person is registered under section 4 of the Commons Registration Act 1965 as the owner.

Following upon the public notice of this reference the Trustees of the Bedford Estates claimed to be the freehold owner of the land in question and no other person claimed to have information as to its ownership.

I held a hearing for the purpose of inquiring into the question of the ownership of the land at Aylesbury on 27 June 1978.

At the hearing the Trustees were represented by Mr E P C Allsop, assistant to their Steward.

The land in question was let to the Chenies Parish Council for 21 years from 21 March 1959 by a lease made 12 March 1959 between (1) Angus Chambers Lyell, Owen Johnston Humbert, and John Hugo Russell, Baron Ampthill (2) Chenies Parish Council. The rent under this lease is at present paid to the Trustees.

The reversion expectant on the lease was conveyed to the Trustees by a conveyance made 1 January 1972 between (1) John Hugo Russell, Baron Ampthill, Jocelyn Francis Tichborne Nangle, and Douglas James Watherston Dryburgh (2) David Daniel Sieff, Edward Holland-Martin, Hon. Leopold Oliver Russell, and Alaric Charles William Russell.

On this evidence I am satisfied that the Trustees are the owners of the land, and I shall accordingly direct the Buckinghamshire County Council, as registration authority, to register them as the owners of the land under section 8(2) of the Act of 1965.

I am required by regulation 30(1) of the Commons Commissioners Regulations 1971 to explain that a person aggrieved by this decision as being erroneous in point of law may, within 6 weeks from the date on which notice of the decision is sent to him, require me to state a case for the decision of the High Court.

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