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COMMONS REGISTRATION ACT 1965

Reference No. 204/U/134

In the Matter of Public Bathing Place, Castor,
Cambridgeshire

Decision

This reference relates to the question of the ownership of land known as Public Bathing Place, Castor, being the land comprised in the Land Section of Register Unit No. CL.54 in the Register of Common Land maintained by the Cambridgeshire 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 Mr M.F. Longfoot 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 Peterborough on 19 April 1983. At the hearing Mr Longfoot appeared in person and the Castor Parish Council was represented by Mr A A Kingdom, its Clerk.

By the Inclosure Award made in 1898 under the Inclosure (Castor and Ailworth) Provisional Order Confirmation Act 1895 (58 & 59 Vict, c. cxxxvii) the land in question was set out, allotted, and awarded to the Castor Parish Council to be held in trust as a public bathing place.

The land has long since ceased to be used as a bathing place and its boundaries are not identifiable on the ground, its surface being covered in grass and indistinguishable from the field which surrounds it on three sides. This land with other adjoining land was conveyed to Mr Longfoot by a conveyance made 10 June 1961 between (1) Frederick Robert Poll (2) Michael Frederick Longfoot and has been used by Mr Longfoot as part of his farm, as it was by Mr Poll, who was Mr Longfoot's uncle. If Mr Poll had not acquired a possessory title by 1961, Mr Longfoot has acquired one since.

On this evidence I am satisfied that Mr Longfoot is the owner of the land, and I shall accordingly direct the Cambridgeshire County Council, as registration authority, to register Mr M F Longfoot as the owner 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.

Dated this

26th

day of

April

1982


Chief Commons Commissioner