

COMMONS REGISTRATION ACT 1965



Reference No. 204/U/101

In the Matter of Stow Longa Green,
Huntingdon D

DECISION

This reference relates to the question of the ownership of land described above being the land comprised in the Land Section of Register Unit No. VG 13 in the Register of Town or Village Greens 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 Stow Longa Parish Council 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 Cambridge on 9 March 1983.

At the hearing the Parish Council was represented by its Chairman, Mr G Bays, and Mr A D Hill of the County Records Office also attended. Mr Bays told me that until 1973 the local authority was the Stow Longa Parish Meeting, and its successor Authority is the Parish Council. He referred me to the minute books of both authorities for the period 1966 to 1974, which indicated activities (eg. the planting and ~~turning~~ ^{trimming} of trees on the Green, the repair of the seat on it and the cutting of the grass) which I think are evidence of acts of ownership. Mr Hill told me that in the Register of Land Values of 1910 it appeared that at one time there was a cottage on the south eastern section of the Green, but Mr Bays said that there had been no cottage within living memory and that trees have been planted on this section.

On the evidence I am satisfied that the Parish Council is the owner of the land, and I shall accordingly direct the Cambridgeshire County Council, as registration authority, to register Stow Longa Parish Council 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

25 April

1983

L. J. Morris Smith

Commons Commissioner