



COMMONS REGISTRATION ACT 1965

Reference No. 204/U/97

In the Matter of The Green, Sawtry,
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 20 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 Sawtry Parish Council claimed to be the freehold owner of the land in question ("the Unit land") 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 Clerk, Mrs J Day.

Mrs Day told me that the Parish Council has for many years maintained the Unit land, and expended money on having it regularly mown and cleared of litter. It is used for local functions such as concerts and carol singing. Mr A D Hill, of the County Record Office, referred to the Land Values Duties Register which in about 1901 showed the Clerk to the Parish Council as occupier and owner of the Unit land.

On this 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 Sawtry Parish Council as the owner 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 28 March 1983

L. J. Morris Smith

Commons Commissioner