



COMMONS REGISTRATION ACT 1965

Reference No. 204/U/115

In the Matter of The Parish Chalk Pit, Haslingfield
Road, Barrington, Cambridgeshire

DECISION

This reference relates to the question of the ownership of land known as The Parish Chalk Pit, Haslingfield Road, Barrington being the land comprised in the Land Section of Register Unit No. CL.23 in the Register of Common Land maintained by the Cambridgeshire County Council of which no person is registered under section 3 of the Commons Registration Act 1965 as the owner.

Following upon the public notice of this reference the South Cambridgeshire District 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 25 May 1983. At the hearing the South Cambridgeshire District Council was represented by Mrs S. Pearce, its Clerk, the Barrington Parish Council by Mrs V Tookey, its Clerk and the Cambridgeshire County Council by Mr J M Farrar, the County Archivist.

By the Barrington Inclosure Award, dated 20 October 1800, the land in question was awarded to the Surveyors of the Parish of Barrington for the use of the inhabitants of the Parish for their private use, for repairing the Chancel of the parish church and for making and repairing the public roads and ways set out in the award.

The land was transferred to the former South Chesterton Rural District Council by sections 25 (1) and 67 of the Local Government Act 1894. It could have been taken over by the former Cambridgeshire and Isle of Ely County Council under Section 118 (1) (b) of the Local Government Act 1929 if the Rural District Council had so desired, but there is no evidence that the Rural District Council did so desire. The land was then transferred to the South Cambridgeshire District Council under the Local Government Act 1972, and finally it was conveyed by that Council to the Barrington Parish Council on 17 May 1983.

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

21st

day of

June

1983


 Chief Commons Commissioner