



In the Matter of The Recreation Ground,
Over, Cambridgeshire

DECISION

This reference relates to the question of the ownership of land known as The Recreation Ground, Over, being the land comprised in the Land Section of Register Unit No. VG 17 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 the Over 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 26 January 1979.

At the hearing the Parish Council was represented by Mr F Hodson, its Chairman.

The land in question was awarded by the Inclosure Award made 16 December 1840 under the Over Inclosure Act of 1837 (7 Wm IV and 1 Vict.c.xc) to Robert Cunningham Taylor and the Lord of the Manor of Over for the time being as a place of exercise and recreation for the inhabitants of the parish and neighbourhood. Mr Hodson informed me that he was not aware of the identity of the present lord of the manor.

On this evidence I am not satisfied that any person is the owner of the land, and I shall accordingly direct the Cambridgeshire County Council, as registration authority, to register the Over Parish Council as the owner of the land under section 8(3) 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 which notice of the decision is sent to him, require me to state a case for the decision of the High Court.

Dated this 20th day of March 1979

Chief Commons Commissioner