



COMMONS REGISTRATION ACT 1965

Reference No. 204/G/139

In the Matter of The Village Green, Helpston,  
Cambridge

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DECISION

This reference relates to the question of the ownership of land known as The Village Green, Helpston, being the land comprised in the Land Section of Register Unit No. VG.28 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 no person claimed to be the freehold owner of the land in question and no one 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, the Helpston Parish Council was represented by Mr H Cronin, its Clerk.

The Parish Council has been in possession of the land in question for many years. As long ago as 1897 the Council planted trees in the land to commemorate Queen Victoria's Gold Jubilee. In 1964 the Council replaced one of the trees, which had died. In 1911 the Council erected a flagpole to commemorate the Coronation of King George V. From 1952 onwards the Council has placed and maintained seats on the land.

On this evidence I am satisfied that the Flinton Parish Council is the owner of the land, and I shall accordingly direct the Cambridgeshire County 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

27<sup>th</sup>

day of

April

1983

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Chief Commons Commissioner