

In the Matter of The Village Green, Toft, Cambridgeshire

DECISION

This reference relates to the question of the ownership of land known as The Village Green, Toft, being the land comprised in the Land Section of Register Unit No. VG 45 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 Jost 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 24 January 1979.

At the hearing the Parish Council was represented by Mr C Jebbit, its Chairman.

In 1952 the Parish Council took possession of the land in question by planting a tree in it and has remained in possession since, planting four groups of trees in 1964. The Parish Council has thus been in possession long enough to have obtained a possessory title.

On this evidence I am 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 Toft 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

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Chief Commons Commissioner