



COMMONS REGISTRATION ACT 1965

Reference No. 204/U/145

In the Matter of Traffic Island, Orton Waterville,
Cambridgeshire

DECISION

This reference relates to the question of the ownership of land known as Traffic Island, Orton Waterville, being the land comprised in the Land Section of Register Unit No. CL.76 in the Register of Common Land 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 20 April 1983. At the hearing the Orton Waterville, Parish Council was represented by Mr D J Williamson, its Clerk.

The only evidence was that of Mr M Chambers, the Chairman of the Parish Council, who has been a member of the Council for the last eleven years. During that period the Council has maintained on the land in question a notice-board, which was not new when Mr Chambers joined the Council. During the last five or six years the Council has planted trees in the Land without objection from anyone claiming to be the owner of it.

Although this evidence is very slight, I have come to the conclusion that I can say that 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 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

27th

day of

April

1983

Chief Commons Commissioner