



COMMONS REGISTRATION ACT 1965

Reference No. 210/U/44

In the Matter of Corfe Castle Common  
in the Parish of Corfe Castle, Dorset

DECISION

This reference relates to the question of the ownership of land known as Corfe Castle Common being the land comprised in the Land Section of Register Unit No. CL 44 in the Register of Common Land maintained by the Dorset 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 Henry John Ralph Bankes 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 Dorchester on 28 January 1981.

Mr M E O Palmer of Messrs Gregory, Rowcliffe and Company, Solicitors of London also appeared for Mr Bankes, produced a Deed of Disentail dated 16 July 1923 and made between Mr Bankes of the one part and Edward Lee Gregory of the other part and a Statutory Declaration of Eric Trevor Rhodes who had been agent for the Kingston Lacey Estate since 1945. Mr Rhodes identified the land as comprising the whole of OS Nos. 1217 and 9624, part of the property comprised in the said Deed of Disentail, the whole of which had been thereby vested in Mr Bankes as fee simple absolutely.

On this evidence I am satisfied that the said Henry John Ralph Bankes is the owner of the land, and I shall accordingly direct the Dorset County Council, as registration authority, to register him 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

17th

day of

March

1981

Commons Commissioner