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COMMONS REGISTRATION ACT 1965



Reference No. 210/U/72

In the Matter of Holt Forest, Holt, Dorset

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DECISION

This reference relates to the question of the ownership of land known as Holt Forest, Holt being the land comprised in the Land Section of Register Unit No. CL 19 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 the National Trust 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 7 March 1984.

At the hearing the National Trust was represented by Mr R S Latham, Solicitor.

The land the subject of the reference was vested in the National Trust by an assent made 19 August 1982 by Peter Wardle Pierrepoint and John Ralph Bankes. The earlier title was proved in In the Matter of Corfe Castle Common, (1984) Ref. No. 210/U/74.

On this evidence I am satisfied that the National Trust is the owner of the land, and I shall accordingly direct the Dorset County Council, as registration authority, to register the National Trust 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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day of

March

1984

Chief Commons Commissioner