



In the Matter of Poor Allotment, Frome
St Quintin, Dorset

DECISION

This reference relates to the question of the ownership of the land known as Poor Allotment, Frome St Quintin, being the land comprised in the Land Section of Register Unit No. CL 169 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 Mr and Mrs R Newman claimed to be the freehold owners 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 5 March 1980.

At the hearing Mr and Mrs Newman were represented by Mr O B N Paine, Solicitor.

The land in question was vested in the Official Trustee of Charity Lands by a Scheme made by the Charity Commissioners for England and Wales on 21 November 1960. The Trustees of the Fuel Allotment Charity were authorised to sell the land by an order of the Commissioners made on 19 April 1966, and it was conveyed to Mr and Mrs Newman by a Conveyance made 15 September 1966 between (1) the Official Custodian for Charities (2) Reubern Hansford, Harry John Trevett, and Norman Weaver (3) Ralph Newman and Jill Newman, his wife.

On this evidence I am satisfied that Mr and Mrs Newman are the owners of the land, and I shall accordingly direct the Dorset County Council, as registration authority, to register them 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

24th

day of

March

1980

Chief Commons Commissioner