



In the Matter of West Ward Common, Bradford Peverel and Charminster, Dorset.

DECISION

This reference relates to the question of the ownership of land known as West Ward Common, Bradford Peverel and Charminster, being part of the land comprised in the Land Section of Register Unit No. CL.35 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 Messrs. A P Goddard and sons 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 6 March 1980. At the hearing Messrs. A P Goddard and Sons were represented by Mr T G P Goddard, one of the partners.

The land the subject of the reference is No. 347 on the tithe map of the parish of Charminster, dated 1839. In the award it is described as part of Pulston Farm situated in Lony Well Meadow, the owner being Charles Sturt. Pulston Farm is now part of Forston Grange Farm, which was conveyed to the late Mr A P Goddard by a conveyance made 27 May 1914 between (1) Himpfrey Napier (Sturt), Baron Alington (2) Frederic Baron Wolverton and Charles William Augustus Montagh (3) Alfred Frederick Gilford Trim and William Earle Tucker (4) Allen Paul Goddard. Mr A P Goddard died on 10 January 1943. By a deed of appointment made 25 March 1974 between (1) Percy Paul Goddard (2) Thomas George Peter Goddard Mr T G P Goddard was appointed a trustee of the estate of Mr A P Goddard.

On this evidence I am satisfied that Mr P P Goddard and Mr T G P Goddard are the owners of the land the subject of the reference, and I shall accordingly direct the the Dorset County Council as registration authority, to register them as the owners of that 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

24<sup>th</sup>

day of

March

1980

  
Chief Commons Commissioner