



In the Matter of Church Walk or Church Green,
Stisted, Essex.

DECISION

This reference relates to the question of the ownership of land known as Church Walk or Church Green, Stisted, being the land comprised in the Land Section of Register Unit No CL 248 in the Register of Common Land maintained by the Essex 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 Stisted Parochial Church Council 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 Chelmsford on 4 October 1978.

At the hearing the Parochial Church Council was represented by the Rev. M G Muggleton, its Chairman.

The land in question had been held and enjoyed by the Parochial Church Council for 50 years and upwards in 1968 without any known adverse claim to such holding and enjoyment ever having been made. By a conveyance made 1 August 1968 between
(1) The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Stisted
(2) The Chelmsford Diocesan Board of Finance the legal interest in the land was conveyed to the Board of Finance in accordance with section 6 of the Parochial Church Councils (Powers) Measure 1956.

On this evidence I am satisfied that the Chelmsford Diocesan Board of Finance is the owner of the land, and I shall accordingly direct the Essex County Council, as registration authority, to register the Board of Finance 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

23rd

day of

October

1978

CHIEF COMMONS COMMISSIONER