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COMMONS REGISTRATION ACT 1965

Reference No. 212/U/320

In the Matter of Land adjacent to the "Three
Compasses" Public House, West Hanningfield,
Essex

DECISION

This reference relates to the question of the ownership of land adjacent to the "Three Compasses" Public House, West Hanningfield, being the land comprised in the Land Section of Register Unit No. VG.89 in the Register of Town or Village Greens 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 no person claimed to be the freehold owner of the land in question and no one 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 7 December 1983. At the hearing Lord Petre appeared in person and the West Hanningfield Parish Council was represented by Mr R Jones, its Clerk. Mr Jones stated that the Council was not claiming to be the owner of the land in question. There was also an affidavit by Mr R H Ward describing himself as the holder of the title of Lord of Rettendon, but I did not find this affidavit of any assistance.

The land in question is waste land in the technical sense of the expression. By a conveyance and deed of discharge made 25 November 1935 between (1) Sir Frederick Carne Warsch and Herbert John Anthony Throckmorton (2) Joseph William Lionel, Baron Petre the lordship of the manor of West Hanningfield was conveyed to Lord Petre, Lord Petre informed me that there is no other manor in the parish of West Hanningfield.

On this evidence I am satisfied that Lord Petre is the owner of the land; and I shall accordingly direct the Essex 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

16th

day of

December

1983

Chief Commons Commissioner