Reference No. 212/U/55

In the Matter of Plough Green, Bulmer, Essex

DECISION

This reference relates to the question of the ownership of land known as Plough Green, Bulmer, being the land comprised in the Land Section of Register Unit
No. CL 18 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 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 4 October 1978.

There was no appearance at the hearing, but I have been satisfied by documentary evidence that in the tithe apportionment for the parish of Bulmer, dated 12 December 1843, the land in question, described as "252 Open Ground fronting the Plough P.H.", is recorded as being in the ownership of "Bulmer Churchwardens and Overseers for the time being". The land therefore passed to the Bulmer Parish Council by virtue of sections 6(1)(c)(iii) and 67 of the Local Government Act 1894.

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

1412

day of November

1978

Chief Commons Commissioner