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COMMONS REGISTRATION ACT 1965

Reference No. 212/U/281

In the Matter of The Playing Field, Thornwood Epping  
Forest D.

DECISION

This reference relates to the question of the ownership of land described above being the land comprised in the Land Section of Register Unit No. VG.23 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 North Weald Bassett Parish Council claimed ~~to have information as to its~~ ownership.

I held a hearing for the purpose of inquiring into the ownership of the land at Chelmsford on 21 July 1983. At the hearing the Parish Council was represented by its Clerk, Mr K&J Davis. By an Inclosure Award of 1857 there was allotted to the Churchwardens and Overseers of the parish of North Weald Bassett a piece of land on Thornwood Common as a place for recreation of the local inhabitants. This piece of land is identifiable on the Inclosure map as the unit land.

On this evidence I am satisfied that the Parish Council is the owner of the unit land, and I shall accordingly direct the Essex County Council, as registration authority, to register North Weald Bassett 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 13<sup>th</sup> day of September 1983

*L. J. Morris Smith*

Commons Commissioner