



COMMONS REGISTRATION ACT 1965

Reference No.12/U/4

In the Matter of Woodend Green,
Henham, Essex.

DECISION

This reference relates to the question of the ownership of land known as Woodend Green, Henham, being the land comprised in the Land Section of Register Unit No.V.G.76 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 the Henham Parish 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 Saffron Walden on 4th December 1973.

At the hearing the Henham Parish Council was represented by Mr. J.R. Donovan, solicitor.

The land the subject of this reference was conveyed to the Parish Council by a deed of gift dated 22nd April 1929 made between (1) William Fuller Maitland and (2) the Parish Council, and has been in the possession of the Parish Council and used as a recreation ground since that date.

On this evidence I am satisfied that the Henham 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 14th day of December 1973


Chief Commons Commissioner