



COMMONS REGISTRATION ACT 1965

Reference No 16/U/62

In the Matter of four pieces of land in Buckland,
East Hertfordshire District, Hertfordshire

DECISION

This reference relates to the question of the ownership of four pieces of land all in Buckland, East Hertfordshire District being the land comprised in the Land Section of Register Unit No CL. 65 in the Register of Common Land maintained by the Hertfordshire 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 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 Hertford on 6 July 1976. At the hearing Buckland Parish Council were represented by Mrs G N M Jackson their clerk.

The said pieces are: (1) a strip about 600 yards long known as Back Lane, the south end of which is the A10 road and the north end of which is the road from Buckland to Barkway and an adjoining strip about the same length known as Daws Lane, the west end of which is Back Lane; (2) a strip nearly one mile long known as Buckland Bottom the north end of which is the road from Buckland to Sandon and the south end of which is a point in Chipping a little to the west of the A10 road; (3) a strip a little more than half a mile long the west end of which is the A10 road near a ford about 500 yards south of Chipping Bridge; and (4) a triangular strip about 50 yards long by a road leading to Mill End, being (in a direct line) about 700 yards west of the said ford. Mrs Jackson described the pieces, and mentioned some of the problems which the Parish Council had considered in respect of them, but offered no evidence of ownership.

In the absence of any evidence I am not satisfied that any person is the owner of the land and it will therefore be subject to protection under section 9 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 9th day of July 1976

A. A. Baden Fuller

Commons Commissioner