



In the Matter of Upper Green, Ickleford  
North Hertfordshire 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.13 in the Register of Town or Village Greens 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 Mrs D P H Parker claimed to be the freehold owner of part of the land in question, and W J Randell Limited 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 18 February 1986. At the hearing, Mr P Gutteridge, Solicitor, appeared on behalf of Mrs Parker, and Mr D Chapellez a member of Ickleford Parish Council appeared on its behalf.

Mrs Parker's interest related to a small piece of land at the southern tip of the Green which was originally included in VG.13 but, following a dispute, was excluded in 1981. The piece excluded depicted on a plan on a scale which leaves the dimensions of the piece unclear, and Mrs Parker considered that it still left some part of her property included in VG.13. It was agreed that the part excluded was accurately shown on an enlarged plan furnished by Mr Gutteridge: this agreed solution does not, I think, require any decision on my part.

It appeared from a letter written by solicitors for W J Randell Ltd that the company as lord of the Manor of Ickleford regarded itself as owner of the Green. They did not wish however to assert a claim to ownership.

In the circumstances and in the absence of any evidence I am not satisfied that any person is the owner of the land, and I shall accordingly direct the Hertfordshire County Council, as registration authority, to register the Parish Council as the owner of the land under section 8 (3) 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 this decision is sent to him, require me to state a case for the decision of the High Court.

Dated this

29<sup>th</sup>

day of

April

1986

*L. J. Morris Smith*

Commons Commissioner