



COMMONS REGISTRATION ACT 1965

Reference No.25/U/112.

In the Matter of Beeston and Sheringham Commons (part),
Sheringham, Norfolk.

DECISION

This reference relates to the question of the ownership of land known as Beeston and Sheringham Commons (part), Sheringham, being the land comprised in the Land Section of Register Unit No.CL.147 in the Register of Common Land maintained by the former Norfolk 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 Trustees of the Sheringham Poor's Allotment 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 Norwich on 25th June 1974.

At the hearing the Trustees of the Sheringham Poor's Allotment were represented by Mr.J.M.O.Vertigan, solicitor.

The land the subject of the reference was allotted by the Inclosure Award made 6th July 1811 under the Sheringham Inclosure Act of 1809 (49 Geo.III, c.19 (private, not printed)) to the lord of the manor of Sheringham and the curate, churchwardens and overseers of the poor of the parish of Sheringham as trustees for the poor inhabitants of the parish. This charity is regulated by a scheme made by the Charity Commissioners on 28th February 1908. The land was vested in the Official Trustee of Charity Land by cl.2 of the scheme and was transferred to the Official Custodian for Charities by section 48(6)(a) of the Charities Act 1960.

I am therefore satisfied that the Official Custodian for Charities is the owner of the land, and I shall accordingly direct the Norfolk County Council, as registration authority, to register him 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 18th day of July 1974

Chief Commons Commissioner