

COMMONS REGISTRATION ACT 1965

Reference No. 225/U/151

In the Matter of Bulls Green, Toft Monks, South Norfolk District, Norfolk

DECISION

This reference relates to the question of the ownership of land known as Bulls Green, Toft Monks, South Norfolk District being the land comprised in the Land Section of Register Unit No VG 81 in the Register of Town or Village Greens maintained by the 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 H C and J A Porter of Cloverfield, East Harling said (letter received in February 1975) that they were interested in a house and outbuildings then derelict for which they held the deeds (not clearly indicating the boundaries of the property) and which was near the middle of the land. No other person claimed to be the freehold owner of the land in question or 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 6 December 1978. At the hearing Toft Monks Parish Council were represented by Mr T A Birt their clerk.

Wir Birt said (in effect) that it was generally thought in the Village that the Green might be owned by Kings College, Cambridge. He produced a letter of 9 March 1967 from J Carter Jones and Sons (Land Agents of Norwich) saying that the College had decided to take no action under the Common Registration Act 1965 and a letter dated 7 November 1978 (in reply to a letter of 29 October 1978) from the Bursar confirming this. He also produced an extract from the Schedule to the Toft Monks Tithe Award which included "Bulls Green. Pasture. 9A.OR.7F" in respect of which the columns headed "Landowners" and "Occupiers" were blank except for "Common". He 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 I shall accordingly direct the Norfolk County Council, as registration authority, to register Toft Monks 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 the decision is sent to him, require me to state a case for the decision of the High Court.

Dated this 3 m

day of January ____ 19789

a.a. Borden Feller Communication Communication.