



COMMONS REGISTRATION ACT 1965

Reference No. 25/U/52

In the Matter of Queen's Square,Attleborough, NorfolkDECISION

This reference relates to the question of the ownership of land known as Queen's Square, Attleborough, being the land comprised in the Land Section of Register Unit No. VG.3 in the Register of Town or Village Greens 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 Attleborough Parish Council claimed to be the freehold owner of the land in question and Canon I.F.F. Webb 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 23rd April 1975. At the hearing the Parish Council was represented by Mr. P.C.N. Solomon, Solicitor, its Clerk.

The land in question was formerly known as Market Hill. It was conveyed to the Parish Council by Sir William Bowyer Smyth, bt, by a deed of gift dated 17th June 1897. Since then it has been maintained by the Parish Council. On 20th July 1897 the Parish Council resolved to change the name of the land to Queen's Square in commemoration of Queen Victoria's Diamond Jubilee.

On this evidence I am satisfied that the Attleborough Parish Council is the owner of the land, and I shall accordingly direct the Norfolk 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 12~~th~~ day of May 1975

Chief Commons Commissioner