



COMMONS REGISTRATION ACT 1965

Reference No.25/U/69

In the Matter of The Common, Holt Road,
Little Snoring, Norfolk.

DECISION

This reference relates to the question of the ownership of land known as The Common, Holt Road, Little Snoring, being the land comprised in the Land Section of Register Unit No.CL.157 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 no person claimed to be the freehold owner of the land in question and no one 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.

The Little Snoring Charity Trustees were represented by Mr.B.Harvey, their Chariman.

The land in question was allotted by the Inclosure Award made 1st December 1810 under the Little Snoring Inclosure Act of 1806 (46 Geo.III, c.xxiv) to Sir Jacob Henry Astley, Lord of the Manor of Little Snoring and his heirs, being Lord or Lords of the Manor for the time being, the Revd.Henry Nicholas Astley, Rector of Little Snoring, and the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Parish of Little Snoring on trust to cause the whins, furze, turf, and flags to be cut and distributed amongst the inhabitants of the parish legally settled therein and occupying lands or tenements of not more than £6 yearly value and to permit such inhabitants to enjoy common of pasture with geese or cattle. The Trustees are now appointed by the Parish Council by virtue of section 37(4) of the Charities Act 1960.

For many years past the land has been let by tender to a succession of tenants, the rent being paid to the Trustees, who are appointed by the Little Snoring Parish Council from amongst its members.

For these reasons I am satisfied that the Trustees are the owners of the land, and I shall accordingly direct the Norfolk County Council, as registration authority, to register them as the owners 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