



COMMONS REGISTRATION ACT 1965

Reference No. 25/U/99

In the Matter of The Fairlands and the Market  
Place, Hingham, South Norfolk D.,

DECISION

This reference relates to the question of the ownership of land known as The Fairlands and the Market Place, Hingham, South Norfolk District being the land comprised in the Land Section of Register Unit No. VG.8 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 no person 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 15 January 1975.

Mr F.R. Poll, chairman of the Hingham Parish Council appeared and stated that down to the year 1959 the Council had paid a peppercorn rent of 1/- per annum to the Earl of Kimberley, that in or about the year 1959 the Kimberley estates were disposed of and the Earl of Kimberley informed the Council that it could retain the land in question. In 1966 the Council endeavoured to communicate with the Kimberley estate but no answer was received.

For these reasons 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 Hingham 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

24<sup>th</sup>

day of

January

1975

*C. A. Settle*

Commons Commissioner