



In the Matter of The Recreation Ground,
Roughton Heath, Roughton, Norfolk.

CORRECTED DECISION

This reference relates to the question of the ownership of land known as The Recreation Ground, Roughton Heath, Roughton, being the land comprised in the Land Section of Register Unit No VG 137 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, but the Commons, Open Spaces and Footpaths Preservation Society 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 24 May 1978.

At the hearing the Roughton Parish Council was represented by Miss J Jones, its Clerk.

The land in question was awarded by the Roughton Inclosure Award made 23 August 1869 under the Acts for the Inclosure, Exchange and Improvement of Lands to the Churchwardens and Overseers of the parish of Roughton to be held in trust as a place of exercise and recreation for the inhabitants of the parish and neighbourhood.

The land passed to the Parish Council by virtue of sections 6(1)(c)(iii) and 67 of the Local Government Act 1894. The Parish Council has been letting the land and receiving the rent.

On this evidence I am satisfied that the Parish Council is the owner of the land, and I shall accordingly direct the Norfolk County Council, as registration authority, to register the Roughton 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

13th

day of

October

1978

CHIEF COMMONS COMMISSIONER