



COMMONS REGISTRATION ACT 1965

Reference No. 225/U/3

In the Matter of the War Memorial Green,  
Denver, West Norfolk District, Norfolk

DECISION

This reference relates to the question of the ownership of land known as the War Memorial Green, Denver, West Norfolk District being the land comprised in the Land Section of Register Unit No. VG.91 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 Mr B L Hawkins wrote saying that as Steward of the Court of Common Leet, which only has the right of grazing on the common land, he believed the owner might be the Lord of the Manor, Mr E R M Pratt of Ryston Hall; and Mr Pratt wrote saying (in effect) that he did not think he could claim ownership of the land now in question (although the Lords of the Manor are registered as owners of other peices of common land in Denver) and that he would support the view that the land ought to be vested in the Parish Council. No person claimed to be the freehold owner of the land 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 Kings Lynn on 26 November 1975. At the hearing Denver Parish Council were represented by Mr J C Sharpe their chairman, and Mr B L Hawkins attended in person as Steward of the Denver Court Leet.

Mr Sharpe after mentioning that the Parish Council had made various payments for the upkeep of the Green, said that they could offer no evidence of ownership.

In the absence of 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 Denver Parish Council as the owner of the land under section 3(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 2nd day of December 1975

*a. a. Baden Fuller*

Commons Commissioner