



COMMONS REGISTRATION ACT 1965

Reference No 225/U/53

In the Matter of War Memorial,
Somerton, Great Yarmouth D

DECISION

This reference relates to the question of the ownership of land known as War Memorial, Somerton, Great Yarmouth D being the land comprised in the Land Section of Register Unit No CL. 245 in the Register of Common Land 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 Somerton Parish Council 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 12 January 1977.

Mr F H Pigg chairman of the Somerton Parish Council appeared and stated that shortly after the 1914/18 War the land had been donated to the parish as a site for its War Memorial. At that time there was no Parish Council and the transaction was never put into writing. However the War Memorial was erected on the site with funds subscribed by the parishioners and the Parish Council has since its establishment sometime in the 1920's maintained the memorial and the site.

For these reasons I am satisfied that Somerton Parish Council is the owner of the land, and I shall accordingly direct the Norfolk County Council, as registration authority, to register Somerton 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 21st day of February 1977

C. A. Little

Commons Commissioner