



COMMONS REGISTRATION ACT 1965

Reference No. 231/U/57

In the Matter of the Paper Mill,  
Alveley, Bridgnorth District,  
Shropshire

DECISION

This reference relates to the question of the ownership of land known as the Paper Mill containing about 0.24 of an acre, Alveley, Bridgnorth District being the land comprised in the Land Section of Register Unit No. CL 25 in the Register of Common Land maintained by the Shropshire 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 Doolittle & Dalley, Auctioneers and Property Agents of Kidderminster claimed (letter dated 21 March 1980) that the land was shown on their clients title deeds as belonging to them (her). No other person claimed to be the freehold owner of the land in question or to have information as to its ownership.

Mr L J Morris Smith, Commons Commissioner held a hearing for the purpose of inquiring into the question of the ownership of the land at Shrewsbury on 26 March 1980. The hearing was attended by Mr C Rochelle of Kings Wordley Farm, Quapp, Bridgnorth in person, who left an abstract of title and copy conveyance for the Commissioner to look at to see if the land in question was included in the parcels. In their said letter Doolittle & Dalley indicated that it would not be possible for them to be present at the hearing; so Mr Morris Smith on their application dated 3 April 1980 decided to reopen it.

I held the reopened hearing at Shrewsbury on 23 February 1982. At this hearing Mrs Elsie Lilian Harley of Harley House, Paper Mill, Alveley was represented by Mr D Hall of Doolittle & Dalley. I had letters dated 26 February 1980 and 11 February 1982 from Fowler Langley & Wright, Solicitors of Bridgnorth, saying that Alveley Parish Council did not wish to claim ownership.

Mr Hall drew my attention to my decision dated 25 February 1975 under reference no. 31/D/2-3 after a hearing at Shrewsbury on 18 February 1975. Such hearing related among other things to an Objection made by Mrs Harley that part ("the Objection Part") of the land then in this Register Unit was owned by her. At that time the registration comprised 0.59 acres, in two parts: one, the present Unit Land, being all north of a track and the other, being the Objection Part, all south of the track. I upheld the Objection, so that the present Unit Land does not now include the land which at the 1975 hearing was said to be owned by Mrs Harley.

Mr ~~Hall~~<sup>Hall</sup> said that Wordley Farm is about 2 miles away; this was confirmed by Mr John Griffiths also of Harley House who is a nephew of Mrs Harley and who happened to be present; neither of them knew why Mr Rochelle thought he might be concerned. Mr Hall said that he would not be offering any evidence of ownership.



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In the absence of any evidence I am not satisfied that any person is the owner of the land, and it will therefore remain subject to protection under section 9 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 15<sup>th</sup> \_\_\_\_\_

day of March \_\_\_\_\_ 1982

*a. a. Bode Fuller*

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Commons Commissioner