



COMMONS REGISTRATION ACT 1965

Reference No. 231/U/51

In the Matter of The Recreational  
Allotment, Wistanstow, South  
Shropshire District, Salop

DECISION

This reference relates to the question of the ownership of land containing about 1 acre known as The Recreational Allotment, Wistanstow, South Shropshire District being the land comprised in the Land Section of Register Unit No. VG 29 in the Register of Town or Village Greens maintained by the Salop 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 the County Secretary (letter of 10 May 1974) said that the County Council were informed after they had made the registration that the land had been sold under a Charity Commission Scheme of 13 March 1914 to Mr W F Beddoes; Wistanstow Parish Council said (letter dated 5.3.75.) that upon a thorough search of the Parish Council minutes it was found that the land was sold to Mr Minton Beddoes in 1914 for £10; and Mr S W Minton Beddoes solicitors said (letter of 20 March 1975) that the land was vested in him under an assent dated 9 January 1961. No other person claim to be the freehold owner of the land in question or to have information as to its ownership.

I held a hearing for the purpose of enquiring into the question of the ownership of the land at Shrewsbury on 22 June 1978. At the hearing Mr S W Minton Beddoes was represented by Mr D J Ormond solicitor of Sprott Stokes & Turnbull, Solicitors of Shrewsbury.

Mr Ormond in the course of his evidence produced: (1) an assent dated 18 February 1930 by which Mrs A M L Beddoes and Mr P C D Mundy as personal representatives of Mr W F Beddoes (he died 26 November 1928) assented to the vesting in Mr E W Minton Beddoes of (among other lands) the Cheney Longville Estate containing about 857.07 acres as shown on the plan marked "B" attached; (2) probate dated 22 May 1952 of Mr E W Minton Beddoes (he died 27 February 1952) granted to the Public Trustee; (3) an assent dated 9 January 1961 by which Public Trustee assented to the vesting in Mr S W Minton Beddoes of (among other lands) the Cheney Longville Estate comprising about 1235.338 acres as delineated on the plans annexed. By comparing the Register map the plan is annexed to said assents of 1930 and 1961, I conclude that the land in this Register Unit was included in both.

On the evidence summarised above, I am satisfied that Mr S W Minton Beddoes is the owner of the land, and I shall accordingly direct the Salop County Council as registration authority to register Mr Stewart William Minton Beddoes of Cheney Longville House, Cheney Longville, Craven Arms, Salop as the owner of the land under Section 8(2) of the Act of 1965.



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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 7<sup>th</sup> — day of August 1978

*A. A. Boston Fuller*

Commons Commissioner.