



In the Matter of Blacksmiths Green,
Great Livermere, Suffolk

DECISION

This reference relates to the question of the ownership of the land described above being the land comprised in the Land Section of Register Unit No. CL 47 in the Register of Common Land maintained by the former West Suffolk 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 Ampton Hall Estates ("the Company") claimed to be the freehold owner of the land in question ("the Unit 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 Unit land at Bury St Edmunds on 6 November 1979.

At the hearing, Mr J Weeks, Solicitor appeared on behalf of the Company, and Great Livermere Parish Council was represented by its Chairman, Mr R Dennis Jones.

Two Conveyances on sale were produced. The first was dated 15 July 1920 and was made between Lord and Lady Saumarez (1) P V Broke and Another (2) and Pierce Lacy (3): by it land which included the Unit land was conveyed to Pierce Lacy. By the second, dated 6 October 1958, Pierce Lacy's Executors conveyed land including the Unit land to the Company, at that time named Cornish Manures Ltd. The Company's name was changed in 1962 and it was re-registered as an unlimited company in 1969.

Mr Dennis Jones had no evidence of ownership but said that the Unit land was thought to be in the ownership of the village.

On the evidence I am satisfied that the Company is the owner of the Unit land, and I shall accordingly direct the Suffolk County Council, as registration authority, to register it 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

26 November

1979

L. J. Morris Smith

Commons Commissioner