



COMMONS REGISTRATION ACT 1965

Reference No. 234/U/61

In the Matter of Land near the Church,
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 45 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"); 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 P Dennis Jones.

By a Conveyance on sale dated 15 July 1920 between Lord and Lady Saumarez (1) F V Broke and Another (2) Pierce Lacy (3) land which included the Unit land was conveyed to Pierce Lacy. Following the latter's death, his Executors by a conveyance on sale dated 6 October 1958 conveyed land including the Unit land to the Company, which was then named Cornish Manures Ltd. The Company changed its name in 1962 and was re-registered as an unlimited company in 1969.

Mr Dennis Jones did not adduce evidence in support of a claim to ownership by the Parish Council, but stated that the Unit land was grass land with trees and that the Parish Council had spent some money on keeping it tidy.

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 the Company as the owner of the land under section 2(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