



COMMONS REGISTRATION ACT 1965

Reference No. 234/U/18

In the Matter of Pieces of land known
as The Green, Hawstead, St Edmundsbury D

DECISION

This reference relates to the question of the ownership of land known as Pieces of land, the Green, Hawstead, St Edmundsbury D being the land comprised in the Land Section of Register Unit No. VG.53 in the Register of Town or Village Greens 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 Hawstead 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 Ipswich on 20 January 1976.

Miss Woodman-Smith, the chairman and clerk of the Hawstead Parish Council appeared and produced copy extracts from the Minutes of the Parish Council from which it appeared that the Parish Council had ever since 1894 exercised rights of ownership over the land in question such as the granting of rights of common and the establishment and safeguarding of a cricket pitch on the green. In addition the Parish Council is in receipt of rent from the Eastern Electricity authority in respect of structures erected on the land.

On this evidence I am satisfied that Hawstead Parish Council is the owner of the land, and I shall accordingly direct the Suffolk County Council, as registration authority, to register Hawstead Parish Council as the owner of the land under section 3(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 20th day of February 1976

C A Little

Commons Commissioner