



COMMONS REGISTRATION ACT 1965

Reference No.35/U/11

In the Matter of The Green,
Risby, West Suffolk.

DECISION

This reference relates to the question of the ownership of land known as The Green, Risby, being the land comprised in the Land Section of Register Unit No.V.G.16 in the Register of Town or Village Greens maintained by the 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 the Risby 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 Bury St. Edmunds on 31st January 1973.

At the hearing the Risby Parish Council was represented by its Chairman, Mr. T.R. Marriage. Mr. Marriage produced the minute book of the Parish Council and drew my attention to a number of entries relating to the Green. Since the Parish Council's claim is not opposed, it does not seem to be necessary to deal with these entries in detail. Suffice it to say that since 1904 the Parish Council has been dealing with this land in a manner inconsistent with its ownership by any other body or person.

For these reasons I am satisfied that the Parish Council is the owner of the land, and I shall accordingly direct the West Suffolk County Council, as registration authority, to register the Risby 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 12~~th~~ day of February 1973

Chief Commons Commissioner