



COMMONS REGISTRATION ACT 1965

Reference No. 35/U/13

In the Matter of The Paddock (The Green)  
Santon Downham, Forest Heath District,  
Suffolk

DECISION

This reference relates to the question of the ownership of land known as the Paddock (The Green) Santon Downham, Forest Heath District, Suffolk being the land comprised in the Land Section of Register Unit No. VG.18 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 the Forestry Commission 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 22 April 1975. Mr. Curnock appeared for the Forestry Commission and Mr. R.J. Cole a member of Santon Downham Parish Council appeared for that Parish Council.

Mr. Curnock produced a conveyance dated 29 March 1923 whereby the National Bank conveyed to the Forestry Commission amongst other land, the land in question.

In the face of this evidence Mr. Cole conceded that the Forestry Commission was the owner of the land.

On this evidence I am satisfied that the Forestry Commission is the owner of the land, and I shall accordingly direct the Suffolk County Council, as registration authority to register the Minister of Agriculture Fisheries & Food 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 this

30<sup>th</sup>

day of

April

1975

*C A. Little*

Commons Commissioner