



In the Matter of The Pound, 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 48 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 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 Mr R Dennis Jones, Chairman of Great Livermere Parish Council, attended.

By a Conveyance on Sale dated 15 July 1920, between Lord and Lady Saumarez (1) P V Broke and Another (2) and Pierce Lacy (3) land, including a piece OS NO. 90, was conveyed to Pierce Lacy. After the latter's death the same piece of land was (with other land) conveyed by his Executors to the Company, then named Cornish Manures Ltd. The Unit land is a very small area at the southernmost tip of OS 90 and it is not altogether clear that it is included in the land shown on the plan attached to the Conveyance of 15 July 1920 for purposes of identification. However, evidence was given that it is now and has for over 12 years formed part of the garden of the house on OS 90, which was certainly included in the two Conveyances.

The Company changed its name in 1962, and is now registered as an unlimited company.

On this 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. Dennis

Commons Commissioner