

COMMONS REGISTRATION ACT 1965



Reference No. 234/U/110

In the Matter of The Recreation Ground,
Drinkstone, Suffolk

DECISION

This reference relates to the question of the ownership of land known as The Recreation Ground, Drinkstone, being the land comprised in the Land Section of Register Unit No. VG 100 in the Register of Town or Village Greens maintained by the 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 no person claimed to be the freehold owner of the land in question and no one 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 1982.

At the hearing the Drinkstone Parish Council was represented by Mr D Frost, one of its members.

Mr Frost read an affidavit by Mr J T Holdsworth, a Higher Executive Officer at the office of the Charity Commission.

By an award made 3 December 1851 by the Inclosure Commissioners and confirmed 6 April 1854 the land the subject of the reference was allotted to the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of Drinkstone in trust as a place of exercise and recreation for the inhabitants of the parish and neighbourhood. By virtue of the provisions of sections 5(2)(d), 6(1)(c)(iii) and 67 of the Local Government Act 1894 the land became vested in the Parish Council.

On this evidence I am satisfied that the Drinkstone Parish Council is the owner of the land, and I shall accordingly direct the Suffolk County Council, as registration authority, to register the Parish Council 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

27th

day of

January

1982

Chief Commons Commissioner