



In the Matter of Ranmore Common (part), Wotton, Surrey.

DECISION

This reference relates to the question of the ownership of land known as Ranmore Common (part), Wotton, being the part of the land comprised in the Land Section of Register Unit No. CL 8 in the Register of Common Land maintained by the Surrey 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.

The late Mr Commissioner Settle, Q.C. held a hearing for the purpose of inquiring into the question of the ownership of the land at Guildford on 18 October 1979.

There was no appearance at the hearing by anyone claiming to be the owner of the land in question, but the learned Commissioner was informed by a local resident that Lord Ashcombe might be the owner, so the hearing was adjourned for enquiries to be made. Unfortunately the learned Commissioner was killed in a road accident before he could deal with the matter further.

The Clerk of the Commons Commissioners was informed by Lord Ashcombe's solicitors that the land was vested in Cubitt Estates Ltd (in liquidation), but that it was proposed to transfer the freehold interest to Lord Ashcombe.

It now appears from the Land Certificate for Title Number SY 493552 that all the land the subject of the reference was registered on 22 September 1980 with Lord Ashcombe as the proprietor of the title absolute.

The land has therefore ceased to be within the ambit of s.8 of the Act of 1965, so that it is no longer necessary or possible for a Commons Commissioner to express satisfaction or dissatisfaction as to the ownership of the land.

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

9th

day of

July

1981

Chief Commons Commissioner