



COMMONS REGISTRATION ACT 1965

Reference No. 204/U/1

In the Matter of The Recreation Ground,
Fen Drayton, Cambridgeshire

DECISION

This reference relates to the question of the ownership of land known as The Recreation Ground, Fen Drayton, being the land comprised in the Land Section of Register Unit No. VG.34 in the Register of Town or Village Greens maintained by the Cambridgeshire 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.

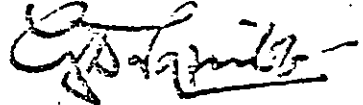
I held a hearing for the purpose of inquiring into the question of the ownership of the land at Cambridge on 24 January 1979. At the hearing the Fen Drayton Parish Council was represented by Mr G Wilderspin, one of its members.

By the Inclosure Award made 12 June 1841 under the Fen Drayton Inclosure Act of 1837 (182 Vict.c.16 (private)) the land in question was vested in the lord of the manor of Fen Drayton for the time being as a place of exercise and recreation for the inhabitants of the parish and neighbourhood. There was, however, no evidence as to who is now the lord of the manor.

In the absence of any evidence I am not satisfied that any person is the owner of the land and I shall accordingly direct the Cambridgeshire County Council, as registration authority to register the Fen Drayton Parish Council as the owner of the land under section 2 (3) 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 13th day of March 1979


Chief Commons Commissioner