



Reference Nos 212/U/174 to
176 inclusive and
212/U/179 to
182 inclusive

In the Matter of (1) Starling's Green,
(2) Marlow's Knoll, (3) Bird Green,
(4) Hill Green, (5) three pieces at and
to the north of the Druce, (6) Stickling
Green, and (7) road triangle east of
Millend Farm, all in Clavering, Uttlesford
District, Essex

DECISION

These references relate to the question of the ownership of lands known as (1) Starling's Green (2 pieces), (2) Marlow's Knoll, (3) Bird Green (3 pieces), (4) Hill Green (3 pieces), (5) three pieces at and to the north of the Druce, (6) Stickling Green (2 pieces) and (7) road triangle east of Millend Farm, all in Clavering, Uttlesford District being the lands comprised in the Land Section of Register Unit (1) No. VG 61, (2) No. VG 60, (3) No. VG 58, (4) No. VG 54, (5) No. VG 53, (6) No. VG 55, and (7) No. VG 56 in the Register of Town or Village Greens maintained by the Essex 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 lands in question and no person claimed to have information as to their ownership.

I held a hearing for the purpose of inquiring into the question of the ownership of the lands at Chelmsford on 28 January 1981. At the hearing Clavering Parish Council were represented by Mr S H Cooke their clerk.

Mr Cooke said that the Parish Council had for many years looked after these lands. After some discussion as to whether I could proceed under sub-section (2) of section 8 of the Act of 1965, he said he would offer no evidence of ownership.

In the absence of any evidence I am not satisfied that any person is the owner of the lands, and I shall accordingly direct the Essex County Council, as registration authority, to register Clavering Parish Council as the owner of the lands under section 8(3) of the Act.

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 16th day of February 1981.

a. a. Baden Fuller

Commons Commissioner