



In the Matter of the Pleasure Bit, St John's Green, and two other pieces of land, Writtle Green, Chelmsford B

DECISION

This reference relates to the question of the ownership of land described above being the land comprised in the Land Section of Register Unit No. VG 32 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 Writtle Parish Council 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 land at Chelmsford on 20 July 1983.

At the hearing Mr A Sayles, Solicitor, appeared on behalf of the Parish Council.

By an Inclosure Award dated 24 November 1870 there were awarded to the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Parish of Writtle four pieces of land described by reference to the numbers on the Award Map. These four pieces are identifiable as the pieces which constitute the Unit land. The Parish Council claims as successor Authority to the Churchwardens and Overseers, and on the evidence I am satisfied that it is the owner of the Unit land, I shall accordingly direct the Essex County Council, as registration authority, to register Writtle Parish Council as the owner 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

21 September

1983

*L. J. Morris Smith*

Commons Commissioner