



In the Matter of The Village Green,  
Birchanger, Uttlesford District, Essex

DECISION

This reference relates to the question of the ownership of land known as The Village Green, Birchanger, Uttlesford District being the land comprised in the Land Section of Register Unit No. VG 86 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 land in question and no 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 27 January 1981. At the hearing Birchanger Parish Council were represented by Mrs I Graham, chairman of their Planning Committee.

After some discussion as to the effect of section 8 of the 1965 Act, Mrs Graham said she would not be calling any evidence of ownership. So 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 Essex County Council, as registration authority, to register Birchanger Parish Council as the owner of the land 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 6<sup>th</sup> day of February 1981.

A. A. Baden Fuller

Commons Commissioner