



COMMONS REGISTRATION ACT 1965

Reference No 16/U/104

In the Matter of Gannock Green,
Reed, North Hertfordshire District,
Hertfordshire

DECISION

This reference relates to the question of the ownership of land known as Gannock Green, Reed, North Hertfordshire District being the land comprised in the Land Section of Register Unit No CL. 132 in the Register of Common Land maintained by the Hertfordshire 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 Hertford on 7 June 1978. At the hearing Reed Parish Council were represented by Mr A J Graves, one of their members.

Mr Graves who has lived in the Parish all his life (53 years) said:- The land is at the end of a road; there is a pond along one side. Up to the outbreak of the 1939-45 war it was grass land grazed by cattle; after the war this ceased, and it has, apart from the pond, become waste land all overgrown; an amenity for bird-watchers. Although the Parish Council registered it, they cannot offer any evidence of ownership.

In the absence of any evidence I am not satisfied that any person is the owner of the land, and it will therefore remain subject to protection under section 9 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 26th day of June — 1978

a. a. Baden Fuller

Commons Commissioner