



COMMONS REGISTRATION ACT 1965

Reference No. 16/U/6

In the Matter of Land adjoining the Roman Road  
opposite the Alford Arms at Frithsden  
Nettleden with Potten End, Hertfordshire

DECISION

This reference relates to the question of the ownership of land known as Land adjoining the Roman Road opposite the Alford Arms at Frithsden, Nettleden with Potten End, being the land comprised in the Land Section of Register Unit No. V.G.12 in the Register of Town or Village Greens 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 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 Watford on 11th April 1972.

On behalf of the Potten End Parish Council it was contended that in the absence of any evidence that the land had been transferred to the Council (although the village people had used it for many years), and even although I could not be satisfied under subsection (2) of section 8 of the Act that the Council was the owner, I ought nevertheless under subsection (3) to direct that the Council be registered as owner.

No person other than the Council appeared at the hearing and no evidence was given.

The contention of the Council is I think well founded.

For these reasons I am not satisfied that any person is the owner of the land, and I shall accordingly direct the Hertfordshire County Council as registration authority, to register Potten End Parish Council as the owner of the land.

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.

*a. a. Baden Fuller*

Dated this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of April 1972

Commons Commissioner