



COMMONS REGISTRATION ACT 1965

Reference No.25/U/41

In the Matter of Ditchingham Playing  
Field or Pit, Ditchingham, Loddon R.D.,  
Norfolk

DECISION

This reference relates to the question of the ownership of land known as Ditchingham Playing Field or Pit, adjoining Station Road, Ditchingham, Loddon Rural District being the land comprised in the Land Section of Register Unit No.VG.10 in the Register of Town or Village Greens maintained by the Norfolk 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 Norwich on 13 June 1973. The hearing was attended by Ditchingham Parish Council who were represented by Mr. F. Cornet who is one of their members.

Mr. Cornet who is 65 years of age and has lived in the Village for the last 41 years, said:- The land when he first came to the Village was a pit with brambles and bushes: rubbish was dumped there and it was an eyesore. About 10 years ago, the Schoolmaster of the nearby school, organised a parish meeting; a committee was formed: they arranged for the land (the Register map shows it as containing 3.412 acres) to be cleared of rubbish and to be formed into a playing field for the Village. It is now grass land, mostly about 10 feet below road level: for the children there are swings, a roundabout and a maypole. All that has been done has much improved the centre of the Village and no one has objected. The Parish Council has no documentation showing ownership; nobody claims ownership.

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 Norfolk County Council, as registration authority, to register Ditchingham Parish Council as the owner of the land under section 8(3) 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 22<sup>nd</sup> day of June 1973.

a. a. Baden Fuller

Commons Commissioners