



COMMONS REGISTRATION ACT 1965

Reference No 225/U/156

In the Matter of Hockham Village  
Green, Hockham, Breckland D

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DECISION

This reference relates to the question of the ownership of land known as Hockham Village Green, Hockham, Breckland D being the land comprised in the Land Section of Register Unit No VG. 72 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.

I held a hearing for the purpose of inquiring into the question of the ownership of the land at King's Lynn on 27 October 1977.

Mr D Tapperham wrote to the office of the Commons Commissioners stating that an unidentified enclosure award showed the land in question as being part of the highway and Messrs Gerald Jones & Co solicitors also wrote that the Parish Council were of the opinion that the sub-soil is parish property but that the surface is thought to be highway by reference to an Enclosure Award. In the absence of any claim I cannot have regard to these views, though the fact that the land is a triangle entirely surrounded by roads does suggest that the land is unsuitable for use for sports and pastimes and may well be part of the highway.

However 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 Hockham Parish Council as the owner of the land under section 8(3) of the Act of 1965. If however the Highway Authority wishes to lead evidence in support of a claim to ownership I will if requested within the six weeks below mentioned withdraw this decision and adjourn the reference to enable it so to do.

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 14<sup>th</sup> day of November

1977

*G. A. Little*

Commons Commissioner