

Reference No. 232/U/15

In the Matter of Somers Hill, Mells and Bulls Green, Whatley, Somerset

DECISION

This reference relates to the question of the ownership of land known as Somers Hill, Mells and Bulls Green, Whatley, being the part of the land comprised in the Land Section of Register Unit No. CL 192 in the Register of Common Land maintained by the Somerset 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 one 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 Taunton on 23 October 1984.

At the hearing Mr A Edwards, who claimed to be one of the executors of the late Mr E L Norris, the applicant for the registration at Entry No. 1 in the Ownership Section of the Register Unit, appeared in person, but he had no evidence as to the ownership of the land the subject of the reference.

In the absence of any evidence I am not satisfied that any person is the owner of the land the subject of the reference, 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

day of October

1984

Chief Commons Commissioner