



COMMONS REGISTRATION ACT 1965

Reference No. 234/U/113

In the Matter of Bull Green,
 Hawstead, Suffolk

DECISION

This reference relates to the question of the ownership of the land described above being the land comprised in the Land Section of Register Unit No. VG 105 in the Register of Town or Village Greens maintained by the former West Suffolk 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 Bury St Edmunds on 6 November 1979.

At the hearing, Mr A D Shirreff, Solicitor, and a member of Hawstead Parish Council, appeared on its behalf. The Parish Council wished to claim ownership of the land, but no evidence was available to support its claim. It appears that the land was cleared and re-seeded in 1970/71 by Mr M J Hosken, an adjacent landowner, who has since maintained it, but he makes no claim to 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 Suffolk County Council, as registration authority, to register Hawstead 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 24 November 1979

L. J. Morris Smith

Commons Commissioner