



In the Matter of Trotton Common (parts),
Trotton, West Sussex.

DECISION

This reference relates to the question of the ownership of parts of land known as Trotton Common, Trotton, being the parts of the land comprised in the Land Section of Register Unit No. CL 101 in the Register of Common Land maintained by the West Sussex 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 the County Council claimed to be the freehold owner of part 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 Chichester on 17 February 1981.

At the hearing the County Council was represented by Mr T J M Aspinall, one of its officers.

The land in question consists of two areas verged red and marked "A" and "B" on the Register Map.

The land marked "A" was conveyed to the former West Sussex County Council by a conveyance made 1 May 1967 between (1) Weetman John Churchill Viscount Cowdray (2) The County Council of the Administrative County of West Sussex. This land has since been taken into the highway.

On this evidence I am satisfied that the County Council is the owner of the land, marked "A", and I shall accordingly direct the West Sussex County Council, as registration authority, to register itself as the owner of the land under section 8(2) of the Act of 1965.

In the absence of any evidence I am not satisfied that any person is the owner of the land marked "B", and that land 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

3rd

day of

March

1981

Chief Commons Commissioner