



In the Matter of The Playground,  
Southorpe, Cambridgeshire

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DECISION

This reference relates to the question of the ownership of land known as The Playground, Southorpe, being the land comprised in the Land Section of Register Unit No. VG 58 in the Register of Town or Village Greens maintained by the Cambridgeshire 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 Southorpe Parish Council claimed to be the freehold owner 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 Peterborough on 20 April 1983.

At the hearing the Southorpe Parish Council was represented by Mr N V Turner, its Chairman.

By the Inclosure Award made in 1843 under the Barnack with Pilsgate and Southorpe Inclosure Act of 1841 (4 & 5 Vict., c. 1 (private)) the land in question was awarded to the Churchwardens and Overseers of the parish of Barnack with Pilsgate and Southorpe as a place of exercise and recreation for the inhabitants of the parish and neighbourhood. The land was transferred to the representative body of the parish by articles 4(2) and 7(1) of the Overseers Order 1927 (S.R. & O 1927 No. 55). The Parish Council was constituted in May 1971 by an order made by the former Soke of Peterborough County Council under Section 43(2) of the Local Government Act 1933.

On this evidence I am satisfied that the Southorpe Parish Council is the owner of the land, and I shall accordingly direct the Cambridgeshire County Council, as registration authority, to register the Parish Council as the owner of the land under section 8(2) 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

21st

day of

June

1983

Chief Commons Commissioner