

COMMONS REGISTRATION ACT 1965

Reference No. 212/U/161

In the Matter of Six Lengths of Roadside Verge in Mill Road, Stock, Essex.

DECISION

This reference relates to the question of the ownership of Six lengths of readside verge in Mill Road, Stock, being the part of the land comprised in the Land Section of Register Unit No.CL.115 in the Register of Common Land maintained by the Essex 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 Lord Petre 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 Chelmsford on 21 February 1980. At the hearing Lord Petre and Mr W M Everitt, whose application for the registration of the land was noted under reg. 9 (5) of the Commons Registration (General) Regulations 1966, appeared in person, and the Stock Parish Council was represented by Mr L D Jarvis, one of its members. Mr Jarvis informed me that his Council had no claim to the land in question and Mr Everitt said that he wished Lord Petre to be registered as the owner of the land.

The land consists of strips of roadside waste situate in the manor of In phey which includes the parish of Stock. The lordship of the manor was conveyed to Lord Petre by a conveyance and deed of discharge made 25 November 1935 between (1) Sir Frederick Carne Rash and Herbert John Anthony Throckmorton (2) Joseph William Lionel, Baron Petre.

On this evidence I am satisfied that Lord Petre is the owner of the land, and I shall accordingly direct the Essex County Council, as registration authority, to register him 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.

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Chief Commons Commissioner