



COMMONS REGISTRATION ACT 1965

Reference No. 216/U/15

In the Matter of Meesden Green, in
Brent Pelham and Meesden Parish,
East Hertfordshire District,
Hertfordshire

DECISION

This reference relates to the question of the ownership of land known as Meesden Green, Brent Pelham and Meesden Parish, East Hertfordshire District being the land comprised in the Land Section of Register Unit No. VG 91 in the Register of Town or Village Greens maintained by the Hertfordshire 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 (1) Mr Ernest Donkin said (letter of 23 September 1979) that part of the land being the frontage of Home Farm and the White House was sold with Yew Tree Cottage to his mother Mrs Martha Donkin in approximately 1916 and it was left to him; and (2) Brent Pelham and Meesden Parish Council said (letters of 15 October 1979 and 8 January 1981) that in 1967 the ownership of the land was transferred by the manorial owners to Trustees (this device being adopted because at that time there was no parish council for Meesden), but that at a meeting recently held between the Trustees and Meesden Parish Councillors it was decided that the original owners' intention (ie Baron Dimsdale's) would now be best served if the Green was vested in the Parish Council. No other person 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 Hertford on 14 January 1981. There was no appearance at the hearing.

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 Hertfordshire County Council, as registration authority, to register Brent Pelham and Meesden 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 this 30th — day of January — 1981

a. a. Barden Fuller