

COMMONS REGISTRATION ACT 1965

Reference No 225/U/20

In the Matter of Whitwell Common, Reepham, Broadland D

DECISION

This reference relates to the question of the ownership of land known as Whitwell Common, Reepham, Broadland D being the land comprised in the Land Section of Register Unit No CL. 148 in the Register of Common Land maintained by the Norfolk 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 Air Commodore Sorel-Cameron 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 Norwich on 13 January 1977.

Air Commodore Sorel-Cameron appeared in person and produced a conveyance to him and his wife dated 16 November 1962 whereby OS 70 red in the Schedule was conveyed. The said conveyance referred to an earlier conveyance dated 1 November 1946 with plan attached which was produced and which identified OS 70 as being part of the land in question.

There also appeared Mr A Ivins a Trustee of the Whitwell Common Committee, Mr J A B Stimpson Lord of the Manor of Hackford and a member of the said Council and they did not dispute the Air Commodore's claim to ownership. Mr Ivins produced a copy of a charity scheme from which it appeared that the trustees hold commonable rights over Whitwell Common but not the land. As regards the land, other than OS70 none of those who appeared had any information as to its ownership.

On this evidence I am satisfied that Air Commodore and "rs Sorel-Cameron are the owners of that part of the land, identified as OS70 and I shall accordingly direct the Norfolk County Council, as registration authority, to register Air Commodore & "rs Sorel-Cameron as the owners of that part of the land under section 8(2) of the Act of 1965. The remainder of the land will 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 28" day of colin1

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Commons Commissioner