

COMMONS REGISTRATION ACT 1965

Reference No.34/U/45

In the Matter of Knodishall Common (part) Knodishall, Suffolk Coastal D.

DECISION

This reference relates to the question of the ownership of land known as Knodishall Common (part) Knodishall Suffolk Coastal D being the land comprised in the Land Section of Register Unit No.CL.19 in the Register of Common Land maintained by the former East Suffolk 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 no person claimed to be the freehold owner of the land in question and no one 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 Ipswich on 13th February 1975.

Mr. A.T.Moore a Legal Executive from Messrs. J.Noel, Cooper and Williamson solicitors for Charles Alfred Smith and Georgina Eveline Ransby appeared and produced a conveyance dated 3rd December 1930 whereby Myrtle Cottage and adjoining land were conveyed by the personal representatives of Charles Smith to Hubert Smith and established that C.A.Smith and G.E.Ransby are the successors in title of the said Hubert Smith. The said Myrtle Cottage and adjoining land are part of the land in question and no one appeared to claim ownership of the remainder of the land in question.

On this evidence I am satisfied that C.A.Smith and G.E.Ransby are the owners of the said Myrtle Cottage and adjoining land and in the absence of any evidence as to the remainder of the land in question I am not satisfied that any person is the owner thereof.

I shall accordingly direct the Suffolk County Council, as registration authority, to register C.A. Smith and G.E. Ransby as the owners of Myrtle Cottage and adjoining land identified in the said conveyance dated 3rd December 1930, under section 8 (2) of the Act of 1965. The remainder of the land in question 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 24" day of February

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Commons Commissioner