

In the Matter of Forry's Green, Sible Hedingham, Essex

DECISION

This reference relates to the question of the ownership of land known as Forry's Green, Sible Hedingham, being the land comprised in the Land Section of Register Unit No VG 145 in the Register of Town or Village Greens 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 Strutt and Parker (Farms) Ltd 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 6 October 1978.

At the hearing the Sible Hedingham Parish Council was represented by Mr D L Colthorpe, solicitor, and Strutt and Parker (Farms) Ltd by Mr P A W Bright, the assistant company secretary.

Mr Bright informed me that Strutt and Parker (Farms) Ltd no longer claimed to be the owner of the land in question, and Mr Coldthorpe had no evidence as to its ownership.

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 Essex County Council, as registration authority, to register the Sible Hedingham 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 2374 day of October

1978

CHIEF COMMONS COMMISSIONER