

COMMONS REGISTRATION ACT 1965

Reference No. 212/U/153

In the Matter of St Peter's Well Meadow, West Mersea, Essex

DECISION

This reference relates to the question of the ownership of land known as St Peter's Well Meadow, West Mersea, being the part of the land comprised in the Land Section of Register Unit No. VG 185 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 the West Mersea Town Council 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 Chelmsford on 20 February 1980.

At the hearing the West Mersea Town Council was represented by Mr D Cooper, one of its members.

A parcel of land at the western end of the land in question was conveyed to the former West Mersea Urban District Council by a deed of gift made 26 April 1963 between (1) Betty Dorothy Chambers (2) West Mersea U.D.C. Another parcel of land adjoining the former parcel on its eastern side was conveyed to the former Urban District Council by a Conveyance made 9 April 1963 between (1) Frank Trevena Coulton, Brian Trevena Coulton and Marion Trevena Harrison (2) West Mersea U.D.C.

On this evidence I am satisfied that the West Mersea Town Council is the owner of the land, the subject of the deed of gift dated 26 April 1963 and the Conveyance dated 9 April 1963. I shall accordingly direct the Essex County Council, as registration authority, to register the Town Council as the owner of that land under section 8(2) of the Act of 1965.

In the absence of any evidence regarding the remainder of the land the subject of the reference, I shall direct the County Council to register the Town Council as the owner of that part 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 <u>in point of law</u> 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

day of

1980

Chief Commons Commissioner