

COMMONS REGISTRATION ACT 1965

Reference No. 212/U/192

In the Matter of the forecourt of St Peter's Church, Ugley, Uttlesford District, Essex

DECISION

This reference relates to the question of the ownership of land being the forecourt of St Peter's Church, Ugley, Uttlesford District being the land comprised in the Land Section of Register Unit No. CL222 in the Register of Common Land 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 no person claimed to be the freehold owner of the land in question and no 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 land at Chelmsford on 29 January 1981. There was no appearance at the hearing.

In reply to requests made by the Clerk of the Commons Commissioners, I have (1) a letter dated 29 April 1981 from Chelmsford Diocesan Board of Finance saying that a thorough investigation of diocesan records has revealed no evidence documentary or otherwise concerning ownership of the land; and (2) a letter dated 27 July 1981 from the incumbent of Ugley St Peter, the Reverend Canon R N Humphries of Newport Vicarage, Saffron Walden saying that after discussion it has been decided that they wish to make no claim to the land.

In the absence of any evidence I am not satisfied that any person is the owner of the land, and it will therefore 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.

24ti - day of August - 1981

Or. a. Boden Fulle Dated this

Commons Commissioners