

In the Matter of Lay-by at the East End of the Roman Road, Bleadon Hill, Bleadon; Avon.

DECISION

This reference relates to the question of the ownership of land known as the lay-by at the east end of Roman Road, Bleadon Hill, Bleadon, being the land comprised in the Land Section of Register Unit Mo. VG 68 in the Register of Town or Village Greens maintained by the former Somerset 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 Weston-Super-Mare on 17 October 1978.

At the hearing the Bleadon Parish Council was represented by Mr T Hart, solicitor.

Mr Hart informed me that he had no evidence as to the ownership of the land. There is on it a seat which was said to have been presented to the Parish Council by the Women's Institute, but I doubt whether this amounts to a taking of possession by the Parish Council. It seems safer to say that in the absence of any better evidence I am not satisfied that any person is the owner of the land, and I shall accordingly direct the Avon County Council, as registration authority, to register the Bleadon 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.

day of October

CHIEF COMMONS COMMISSIONER