



COMMONS REGISTRATION ACT 1965

Reference No.1/U/69

In the Matter of Beeston Green,Sandy, Bedfordshire.DECISION

This reference relates to the question of the ownership of land known as Beeston Green, Sandy, being the land comprised in the Land Section of Register Unit No. V.G.14 in the Register of Town or Village Greens maintained by the former Bedfordshire 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 former Sandy Urban District Council 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 Bedford on 23rd April 1974.

Mr. S.T. Morris, the Assistant Secretary of the Bedfordshire Association of Parish Councils, appeared for the Sandy Parish Council.

The land in question was conveyed to the Urban District Council by a conveyance made 29th August 1956 between (1) Stanley Gordon Jeeves (2) The Urban District Council. The Urban District Council went into possession and maintained the land as a public open space until 1st April 1974, when it was transferred to the Parish Council by the Local Authorities (England) (Property etc) Order 1973 (S.I.1973, No.1861), art 9 and Sch.2, para.1(b)(i) and Table Item No.13, as amended by the Local Authorities etc.(England) (Property etc: Further Provision) Order 1974 (S.I.1974, No.406), art.4(18)(a).

For these reasons I am satisfied that the Sandy Parish Council is the owner of the land, and I shall accordingly direct the Bedfordshire County Council, as registration authority, to register the Parish Council as the owner of the land under section 8(2) 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 2nd day of May 1974

Chief Commons Commissioner