



In the Matter of The Pound, Pound Lane,
Sonning, Berkshire

DECISION.

This reference relates to the question of the ownership of land known as The Pound, Pound Lane, Sonning, being the land comprised in the Land Section of Register Unit No. VG 75 in the Register of Town or Village Greens maintained by the Berkshire 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 Windsor on 12 December 1978.

At the hearing the Sonning Parish Council was represented by Mr H A Prismall, one of its members.

The land the subject of the reference forms the means of access to the adjoining recreation ground. About 20 years ago the Parish Council planted some trees in the land, about 15 or 20 years ago the Council covered the surface with tarmac, and about 18 years ago the Council erected a bus shelter on part of the land. No one objected to any of this work.

On this evidence I am satisfied that the Parish Council is the owner of the land, and I shall accordingly direct the Berkshire 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

1st

day of

February

1979

Chief Commons Commissioner