



COMMONS REGISTRATION ACT 1965

Reference No. 203/U/67

In the Matter of Knotty Green  
Recreation Ground, Bucks

DECISION

This reference relates to the question of the ownership of land known as Knotty Green Recreation Ground, Bucks being the land comprised in the Land Section of Register Unit No VG 65 in the Register of Town or Village Greens maintained by the Bucks 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 Penn Parish 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 Aylesbury on 20 February 1979.

Mr L Durrant of the County Council Staff appeared on behalf of the Parish Council, which claims ownership. There was produced an Inclosure Award of 23 August 1855 by which the greater part of the land was allotted to the Church wardens and Overseers of the Parish of Penn for the exercise and recreation of the inhabitants. The award of the land, as shown on the plan which was attached, did not apparently include the rectangular piece lying to the south west of the boundary hedge or fence shown on the Register plan.

Mr L Chappell the Clerk to the Parish Council gave evidence to the effect that at least since 1956 the Parish records showed payments made by the Council for the maintenance of the whole area shown on the Register plan; the rectangular piece was some 7 years ago equipped by the Council as a children's playground and has been used as such since; it is separated from the larger area, which is used by the local cricket club, by posts and chains erected by the cricket club.

On this evidence I am satisfied that the Parish Council is the owner of the land, and I shall accordingly direct the Bucks 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 28<sup>th</sup> day of March

1979 *L. J. Morris Smith*  
Commons Commissioner