



COMMONS REGISTRATION ACT 1965

Reference No. 203/U/74

In the Matter of Recreation Ground south of Christ Church
Little Missenden, Bucks

DECISION

This reference relates to the question of the ownership of the land described above ("the Unit land") being the land comprised in the Land Section of Register Unit No VG 73 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 Little Missenden 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 Peacock the Clerk to the Parish Council appeared at the hearing and claimed ownership on its behalf, and Mr Durrant of the County Council staff was also present.

The Unit Land which was included in an Inclosure Award of 1854 was comprised in an Assent dated 28 January 1957 made in favour of the Parish Council by the executors of Evelyn Minot. It has been maintained by the Parish Council which has erected childrens playground equipment and rents a football pitch to a local club; it also permits a fair to be held twice a year, for which it receives payment.

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 26th day of March 1979

L. J. Morris Smith
Commons Commissioner