



COMMONS REGISTRATION ACT 1965

Reference No. 203/U/72

In the Matter of the Recreation Ground at
Great Kingshill, Hughenden, Wycombe District,
Buckinghamshire

DECISION

This reference relates to the question of the ownership of land containing about 3.968 acres and known as the Recreation Ground at Great Kingshill, Hughenden, Wycombe District being the land comprised in the Land Section of Register Unit No. VG71 in the Register of Town or Village Greens maintained by the Buckinghamshire 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 Hughenden Parish Council claimed (letter of 2 August 1977 from their solicitor) 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 23 January 1979. At the hearing Hughenden Parish Council were represented by Mr E B Smith who is their clerk.

Mr Smith produced a conveyance dated 2 December 1930 by which Mr A Bott conveyed to the Parish Council land containing 3.968 acres and therein stated to be subject to the right of the same being used at all times for the exercise and recreation of the inhabitants of Hughenden and the neighbourhood.

Mr Smith who has been clerk for 10 years said (in effect):- The land is in the Village of Great Kingshill, being on the east side of and adjoining the A4128 road from Great Missenden and Prestwood on the north to High Wycombe on the south. The land is a public open space managed by the Parish Council, and is in the summer used by the Village Cricket team.

On this evidence I am satisfied that the Parish Council are the owners of the land, and I shall accordingly direct the Buckinghamshire County Council, as registration authority, to register Hughenden Parish Council as the owners 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 12th day of February 1979

a. a. Baker

Commons Commissioner