



COMMONS REGISTRATION ACT 1965

Reference No. 9/U/14

In the Matter of The Village Green,
Spreyton, Devon

DECISION

This reference relates to the question of the ownership of land known as The Village Green, Spreyton, being the land comprised in the Land Section of Register Unit No. V.G.17 in the Register of Town or Village Greens maintained by the Devon County Council, of which no person is registered under section 4 of the Commons Registration Act 1965 as owner.

Following upon the public notice of this reference the Spreyton 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 Axminster on 11th April 1972.

Mr. A. Winterburn, the Clerk of the Parish Council, told me that he had no evidence as to who owns the land in question. He said that the Council's minute book shows that a part of the Green was sold by the Council in 1920, but he did not produce the book.

In these circumstances I am not satisfied that any person is the owner of the land, and I shall accordingly direct the Devon County Council as registration authority, to register the Spreyton Parish Council as the owner of the land under section 8(3) of the Act.

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 24th day of April 1972

Chief Commons Commissioner