



COMMONS REGISTRATION ACT 1965

Reference No. 10/U/17

In the Matter of The Village Green,
Pentridge, Dorset

DECISION

This reference relates to the question of the ownership of land known as The Village Green, Pentridge, being the land comprised in the Land Section of Register Unit No. V.G.1 in the Register of Town or Village Greens maintained by the Dorset 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, but the Chairman of the Pentridge Village Hall Management Committee 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 Dorchester on 12th May 1972.

At the hearing, Mr. C.G. Newman, the Clerk of the Pentridge Parish Council, put in an affidavit by Mr. Robert Dawson, sworn on behalf of the Charity Commissioners.

The land the subject of this reference was, with the adjoining Village Hall, conveyed by the Shaftesbury Estates Company on 14th May 1951 to certain trustees on certain charitable trusts set out in the conveyance. The land comprised in the conveyance was by an Order of the Charity Commissioners dated 18th May 1951 vested in the Official Trustee of Charity Lands and subsequently became vested in the Official Custodian for Charities by virtue of section 48(6) of the Charities Act 1960.

On this evidence I am satisfied that the Official Custodian for Charities is the owner of the land, and I shall accordingly direct the County Council, as registration authority, to register the Official Custodian as the owner of the land.

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 30th day of May 1972

Chief Commons Commissioner