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COMMONS REGISTRATION ACT 1965

Reference No. 210/U/62

In the Matter of The Village Green,
Shillingstone, Dorset

DECISION

This reference relates to the question of the ownership of land known as The Village Green, Shillingstone, being the land comprised in the Land section of Register Unit No.VG.10 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 the Shillingstone 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 Dorchester on 5 March 1980. At the hearing the Parish Council was represented by Mr J C Lane, its Chairman.

In 1953 the Parish Council celebrated the Coronation by taking possession of the land in question. The Council cleared the area, made flower beds in it, and placed a seat on it. The Council has therefore been in possession long enough to have acquired a possessory title to the land.

On this evidence I am satisfied that the Parish Council is the owner of the land, and I shall accordingly direct the Dorset County Council, as registration authority, to register the Shillingstone 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

24th

day of

March

1980


 Chief Commons Commissioner