

COMMONS REGISTRATION ACT 1965

Reference No.37/U/8

In the Matter of King George V Playing Field, Newick, East Sussex.

DECISION

This reference relates to the question of the ownership of land known as King George V Playing Field, Newick, being the land comprised in the Land Section of Register Unit No.V.G.12 in the Register of Town or Village Greens maintained by the East Sussex 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 Charity Commissioners 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 Lewes on 28th November 1972.

There was no appearance at the hearing, but I considered an affidavit sworn on behalf of the Charity Commissioners by one of their officers. It appears from this affidavit and the exhibit therein referred to that the land in question was conveyed to the Newick Parish Council on 6th September 1938 for use as a playing field and recreation ground for the parish of Newick.

On this evidence I am satisfied that the Parish Council is the owner of the land, and I shall accordingly direct the East Sussex County Council, as registration authority, to register the Newick 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 6th day of Secender 197

Chief Commons Commissioner