



COMMONS REGISTRATION ACT 1965

Reference No. 37/U/15

In the Matter of The Village Green,
Pease Pottage, Slaugham, East Sussex.

DECISION

This reference relates to the question of the ownership of land known as The Village Green, Pease Pottage, Slaugham, being the land comprised in the Land Section of Register Unit No. V.G.23 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 one claimed to be the freehold owner of the land in question and no one 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. By a letter dated 18th October 1972 Messrs. Chas. J. Odhams & Sons, solicitors, of 18-19 Whitefriars Street, London, EC4Y 8BU alleged that their clients S.H. Richardson & Son Ltd had had conveyed to them on 27th October 1964 land described as lying between and at the junction of the old road leading from Brighton to London and the road from Horsham to Balcombe and opposite to the Black Swan Public House, but that they did not know whether this land was the land comprised in the Register Unit.

In the absence of any evidence I am not satisfied that any person is the owner of the land, and I shall accordingly direct the East Sussex County Council, as registration authority, to register the Slaugham Parish Council as the owner of the land under section 8(3) 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 December 1972


Chief Commons Commissioner