



COMMONS REGISTRATION ACT 1965

Reference Nos ~~37~~/U/51  
37/U/52

In the Matters of two pieces of land at  
Newbridge, Coleman's Hatch, Hartfield,  
Uckfield R.D., East Sussex

DECISION

These references relate to the question of the ownership of two pieces of land at Newbridge, Coleman's Hatch, Hartfield, Uckfield Rural District, one (37/U/51) being the part hereinafter specified of and the other (37/U/52) being the whole of the land comprised in the Land Section of Register Unit Nos. CL 60 and CL 59 (respectively) in the Register of Common Land maintained by the East Sussex County Council. The said part is the part of the land comprised in the Register Unit No CL 60 which is not coloured red on the Register Map and which is not registered at H.M. Land Registry as freehold under Title No. SX 15138. No person is registered under section 4 of the Commons Registration Act 1965 as the owner of either of the said two pieces of land.

Following upon the public notice of these references no person claimed to be the freehold owner of the lands in question and no person claimed to have information as to their ownership.

I held a hearing for the purpose of inquiring into the question of the ownership of the lands at Lewes on 7 March 1973. The hearing was attended by Hartfield Parish Council who were represented by Captain D H F Armstrong their chairman. He agreed that these references might be heard together.

Captain Armstrong said that the Parish Council were concerned with the grazing rights over the lands comprised in these two Register Units and with their continuing to be common land. The Parish Council could offer no evidence of ownership of either of the two pieces of land the subject of these references; one of them appeared to be a public footpath.

In the absence of any evidence I am not satisfied that any person is the owner of the said two pieces of land and they will therefore be subject to protection under section 9 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 14<sup>th</sup> day of March 1973

a. a. Baden Fuller.

Commons Commissioner