



COMMONS REGISTRATION ACT 1965

Reference No 213/U/60

In the Matter of Longhope Recreation
Allotment (May Hill), Longhope,
Forest of Dean D

DECISION

This reference relates to the question of the ownership of land known as Longhope Recreation Allotment (May Hill), Forest of Dean D being the land comprised in the Land Section of Register Unit No VG. 100 in the Register of Town or Village Greens maintained by the Gloucestershire 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 Longhope 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 Gloucester on 11 October 1977.

Mrs M Steward appeared on behalf of the Parish Council and produced certified extracts of an Inclosure Award dated 18 September 1873 and the map therein referred to. The land in question No 75 on the said map was allotted to the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Parish for recreation and the Parish Council is the successor to the Churchwardens and Overseers. I was able to identify the land by reference to the said map of a circular parcel of land lying to the West of Bearfoot Wood.

On this evidence I am satisfied that Longhope Parish Council is the owner of the land, and I shall accordingly direct the Gloucestershire County Council, as registration authority, to register Longhope 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 17th day of March

1977

C. A. Little