

COMMONS REGISTRATION ACT 1965

Reference No. 13/U/61

In the Matter of Quedgeley Recreation Ground, Quedgeley, Stroud District, Gloucestershire

DECISION

This reference relates to the question of the ownership of land known as Quedgeley Recreation Ground containing about 1.8 acres, Quedgeley, Stroud District being the land comprised in the Land Section of Register Unit No. VG.31 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 Quedgeley Parish Council claimed the land is held by them in trust under an order dated 18 September 1931 and made by the Charity Commissioners under section 14(1) of the Local Government Act 1894 and a conveyance dated 7 January 1932. No other person claimed to be the freehold owner of the land in question or 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 14 May 1975. At the hearing Quedgeley Parish Council were represented during the first part of the hearing by Mr. C.G. Mayo their chairman, and during the second part (held later the same day) by Mr. F. Tarling, their clerk.

Mr. Tarling produced the said conveyance. It recited that under the Quedgeley Enclosure Award dated 18 January 1841 the land thereby conveyed was then vested upon trust that it should be used as a place of recreation for the inhabitants in the neighbourhood, and it recited the said 1931 order; and by it the land was conveyed to the Parish Council.

Mr. Tarling identified the land comprised in this Register Unit with that described in the 1932 conveyance; it is on the west side of the A 38 (T) road between Bristol and Gloucester. It is still used for recreation by children (e.g. part has been developed as a playground and there are some goal posts), and by adults (e.g. for the exercise of dogs); it is not big enough for adult matches.

On this evidence I am satisfied that the Parish Council is the owner of the land, and I shall accordingly direct the Gloucestershire County Council, as registration authority to register Quedgeley Parish Council as the owner of the land under section 8(2) of the Act of 1065.

I am required by regulation 30(1) of the Commons Commissioners Regulations 1971 to



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explain that a person aggrieved by this decision as being erroneous <u>in point of law</u> 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 20k -

day of May

1975

a.a. Baden Fuller

Commons Commissioner