



COMMONS REGISTRATION ACT 1965

Reference No 231/U/76

In the Matter of The Green, Standish,
Stroud District, Gloucestershire

DECISION

This reference relates to the question of the ownership of land known as The Green, Standish, Stroud District being the land comprised in the Land Section of Register Unit No VG 71 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 Standish 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 22 November 1978. At the hearing Standish Parish Council were represented by Mr R B Hart their chairman.

Mr Hart who ^{has} lived in the Parish for 10 years, has been a member of the Parish Council for 6 years and their chairman for 3 years in the course of his evidence produced a conveyance dated 26 March 1963 by which Brunel Properties (Bristol) Limited conveyed to Standish Parish Council part of OS No 93 as delineated on the plan annexed in consideration of a covenant by the Council to preserve, maintain and keep it in good state of maintenance, repair and condition. He also produced a number of earlier documents relating to the land so conveyed including a conveyance of it (and other land) dated 14 May 1949 and made by Mr Lynton Arthur Beck to Brunel Properties (Bristol) Limited.

Mr Hart who identified the land in this Register Unit with part of that conveyance by the 1963 and 1949 conveyances said (in effect):- The land is a little green area in front of Standish Court and Standish Church (St Nicholas). On it there are some beech trees; there were some elm trees which had to be cut down (at the expense of the Parish Council). The Parish Council maintain the land by having the grass cut and clearing the ditches.

On this evidence I am satisfied that the Parish Council are the owners of the land, and I shall accordingly direct the Gloucestershire County Council, as registration authority, to register Standish 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 11th day of December 1978

a. a. Bacon J. J. J.