

COMMONS REGISTRATION ACT 1965

Reference No. 55/U/7

In the Matter of Chippenham Mead Monmouth

DECISION

This reference relates to the question of the ownership of land known as: Chippenham Mead Monmouth being the land comprised in the Land Section of Register Unit No. VG. 2 in the Register of Town or Village Greens maintained by the Monmouthshire 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 the Borough of Monmouth claimed to be the freehold owner of the land in question and Miss I. Rees 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 Monmouth on 3rd October 1973.

Mr. D.G.Allen, the Town Clerk of the Borough of Monmouth attended the hearing and produced two conveyances dated respectively 30th April 1898 and 3rd October 1898. By the earlier conveyance, the Marquis of Worcester (with the concurrence of the Duke of Beaufort and the Admiralty as mortgagees) conveyed part of the land in question to the Mayor Aldermen and Burgesses of the Borough of Monmouth in fee simple. By the later conveyance, Lord Llangattock conveyed the remainder of the land to the same Borough in fee simple. Both conveyances were made by way of gift to commemorate the Diamond Jubilee of Queen Victoria.

For these reasons I am satisfied that the Borough of Monmouth is the owner of the land, and I shall accordingly direct the Monmouthshire County Council as registration authority, to register the Borough of Monmouth 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

30th day of November 1973 Al Fines

Commons Commissioners.