



COMMONS REGISTRATION ACT 1965

Reference No. 55/U/27

In the Matter of The Island,  
Usk Common, Llanbadoc Fawr

DECISION

This reference relates to the question of the ownership of land known as The Island, Usk Common in the Parish of Llanbadoc Fawr being the land comprised in the Land Section of Register Unit No. CL.51 in the Register of Common Land 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 Usk Urban District 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 Newport on 4th October 1973.

Mr. J. Stephens, Solicitor, appeared for Usk Urban District Council. There was no other appearance.

Mr. Stephens produced a Conveyance dated 1st September 1932, by which Fitzroy Richard Baron Raglan as Lord of the Manor of Usk conveyed the land in question under the description "Llanbadoc Island" to Usk Urban District Council in fee simple subject to the rights of common thereover. The recitals in the Conveyance show that the Urban District Council was desirous of providing a recreation ground for its district, and that the then Lord Raglan made the conveyance by way of gift for that purpose. Mr. Stephens gave evidence that the land has been used as a recreation ground accordingly, and that various local inhabitants (including Mr. Stephen's own family) have from time to time exercised grazing rights over the land.

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

30<sup>th</sup>

day of

November

1973.

*H. E. Francis*

Commons Commissioner