



COMMONS REGISTRATION ACT 1965

Reference No.14/U/70

In the Matter of East Meon Green,
East Meon, Hampshire.

DECISION

This reference relates to the question of the ownership of land known as East Meon Green, East Meon, being the land comprised in the Land Section of Register Unit No.VG 193 in the Register of Town or Village Greens maintained by the former Hampshire 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 East Meon 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 Winchester on 21st May 1975.

There was no appearance at the hearing.

On 25th May 1973 the Clerk of the Parish Council wrote to the Clerk of the Commons Commissioners stating that it had been established that the land in question was owned by the Petersfield Rural District Council, in view of which the Parish Council withdrew its claim. An enquiry of the East Hampshire District Council resulted in the production of a conveyance made 13th August 1945 between (1) Rosa Katherine Horder (2) National Provincial Bank Ltd (3) The Rural District Council of Petersfield, whereby a piece of land in High Street, East Meon, was (with other property) conveyed to the Rural District Council. The plan annexed to the conveyance shows that the piece of land thereby conveyed consisted of about three-quarters of the land comprised in the Register Unit.

On this evidence I am satisfied that the East Hampshire District Council as successor to the former Rural District Council is the owner of the western three-quarters of the land in question and I shall accordingly direct the Hampshire County Council, as registration authority, to register the East Hampshire District Council as the owner of this part of the land under section 8(2) of the Act of 1965. Not being satisfied that any person is the owner of the eastern quarter of the land, I shall direct the County Council to register the East Meon Parish Council as the owner of this part of the land under section 8(3) 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 14th day of November 1975


Chief Commons Commissioner