



COMMONS REGISTRATION ACT 1965

Reference No.14/U/5

In the Matter of The Village Green,
Martin, Hampshire

DECISION

This reference relates to the question of the ownership of land known as The Village Green, Martin, being the land comprised in the Land Section of Register Unit No.V.G.19 in the Register of Town or Village Greens maintained by the 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 Martin 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 14th December 1972.

At the hearing the Martin Parish Council was represented by Mr. I.S. Wylie, its Vice-Chairman. Mr. Wylie produced two conveyances, one dated 7th February 1922 made between (1) Sir Eyre Coote (2) John Matthew Knapp, William Langton Cavers and Christmas Evans (3) Revd. Ernest Desiré Sueter Camus, George William Waters and Charles Cox, and the other dated 4th May 1925 made between (1) E.D.S. Camus, G.W. Waters and C. Cox (2) The Parish Council, from which it appears that the land the subject of this reference, being formerly part of the enclosed waste lands of the manor of Martin, was conveyed to the Parish Council for the benefit of the inhabitants of the parish.

On this evidence I am satisfied that the Parish Council is the owner of the land, and I shall accordingly direct the Hampshire County Council, as registration authority, to register the Martin 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

8th

day of

January 1973

Chief Commons Commissioner