



COMMONS REGISTRATION ACT 1965

Reference No. 14/U/31

In the Matter of Youth Hut Grounds,
Hamledon, Hampshire.

DECISION

This reference relates to the question of the ownership of land known as Youth Hut Grounds, Hambledon, being the land comprised in the Land Section of Register Unit No. V.G.132 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, no person claimed to be the freehold owner of the land in question and no one claimed to have information as to its ownership:

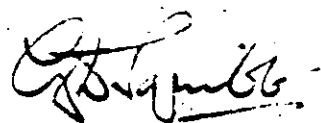
I held a hearing for the purpose of inquiring into the question of the ownership of the land at Winchester on 14th December 1972.

There was no appearance at the hearing, but an affidavit sworn by Mr. Robert Dawson was lodged on behalf of the Charity Commission. From this affidavit and the exhibits referred to therein it appears that by a trust deed dated 18th April 1946 a Joint Building Committee thereby nominated was empowered to acquire land in Hambledon for certain local charitable purposes therein described. By a conveyance made 27th February 1947 Lady Mary Dorothea Taylor conveyed the land the subject of this reference to the Joint Building Committee. By an order of the Charity Commissioners dated 18th September 1951 the land in question was vested in the Official Trustee of Charity Lands and by virtue of section 48(6) of the Charities Act 1960 is now vested in the Official Custodian for Charities.

For these reasons I am satisfied that the Official Custodian for Charities is the owner of the land, and I shall accordingly direct the Hampshire County Council, as registration authority, to register him as the owner of the land under section 3(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 January 1973.


Chief Commons Commissioner