

COMMONS REGISTRATION ACT 1965

Reference No.16/U/38

In the Matter of Commonwood Common. Sarratt, Hertfordshire.

DECISION

This reference relates to the question of the ownership of land known as Commonwood Common, Sarratt, being the land comprised in the Land Section of Register Unit No.C.L.62 in the Register of Common Land maintained by the Hertfordshire 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 Sarratt 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 Hertford on 13th March 1973.

At the hearing the Sarratt Parish Council was represented by Mr.K.A.Gosney, Clerk of the Watford Rural District Council.

There was produced to me a conveyance dated 29th December 1938, whereby the Personal Representative of Peter Clutterbuck, deceased, Lord of the Manor of Sarratt, conveyed this land to the Parish Council.

On this evidence I am satisfied that the Parish Council is the owner of the land, and I shall accordingly direct the Hertfordshire County Council, as registration authority, to register the 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 2370 day of March 1973

Chief Commons Commissioner