



COMMONS REGISTRATION ACT 1965

Reference No.16/U/2

In the Matter of the Village Green
Ridge, Hertfordshire

DECISION

This reference relates to the question of the ownership of land known as the Village Green, Ridge being the land comprised in the Land Section of Register Unit No. V.G.6 in the Register of Town or Village Greens 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 no person claimed to be the freehold owner of the land in question and no 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 Watford on 11th April 1972.

For the Ridge Parish Council it was stated that the Council had always administered the land, that the Council's right to do this had never been in dispute, that a search had been made without any success for documentary evidence of the Council's title and that in these circumstances the Council did not contend that I should be satisfied that the Council was the owner of the land.

No evidence was adduced by the Council and no other person was represented at the hearing.

For the Council it was contended in my view rightly that I should direct the Council to be registered under subsection (3) of section 8 of the Act.

For these reasons I am not satisfied that any person is the owner of the land, and I shall accordingly direct the Hertfordshire County Council as registration authority, to register Ridge Parish Council as the owner of the land.

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.

a. a. Bowen Julia

Dated this 28th day of April 1972

Commons Commissioner