

In the Matter of Castle Haven, Niton, Isle of Wight.

DECISION

This reference relates to the question of the ownership of land known as Castle Haven, Niton, being the land comprised in the Land Section of Register Unit No. VG 4 in the Register of Town or Village Greens maintained by the Isle of Wight 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 Ryde on 15 May 1981.

At the hearing the Niton Parish Council was represented by Mrs M French, a former Chairman, who informed me that the land in question had no known owner.

In the absence of any evidence I am not satisfied that any person is the owner of the land, and I shall accordingly direct the Isle of Wight County Council, as registration authority, to register the Niton Parish Council as the owner 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

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day of

May

1981

Chief Commons Commissioner