



COMMONS REGISTRATION ACT 1965

Reference No. 219/U/45

In the Matter of Post Office Green,
Shorne, Kent

DECISION

This reference relates to the question of the ownership of land known as Post Office Green, Shorne, being the land comprised in the Land Section of Register Unit No. VG 157 in the Register of Town or Village Greens maintained by the Kent 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 Shorne 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 Maidstone on 6 February 1979.

Mr B Smailes, Vice Chairman of Shorne Parish Council, appeared on its behalf; there were no other appearances at the hearing. Mr Smailes, who has been a member of the Parish Council since 1973, stated that the Parish Council had maintained the Green for some 15 years, but no other evidence in support of its claim to ownership was adduced.

On this evidence I am not satisfied that any person is the owner of the land, and I shall accordingly direct the Kent County Council, as registration authority, to register Shorne 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 12th day of March 1979

L. J. Morris Smith

Commons Commissioner