



In the Matter of Steeles Green,  
Meopham, Kent

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DECISION

This reference relates to the question of the ownership of land known as Steeles Green, Meopham, being the land comprised in the Land Section of Register Unit No. VG 90 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 Meopham 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.

At the hearing, Mr J Canley, Chairman of Meopham Parish Council appeared on its behalf, and there was no other appearance. The Parish Council claimed ownership. The evidence was to the effect that the Green, which is a strip of land some 14 feet in width, has been tidied by the Parish Council which has put seats at intervals along the strip.

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 Meopham 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 12<sup>th</sup> day of March 1979

*L. J. Morris*

Commons Commissioner