



COMMONS REGISTRATION ACT 1965

Reference No.19/U/58

In the Matter of The Green,  
Woodchurch, Kent.

DECISION

This reference relates to the question of the ownership of land known as The Green, Woodchurch, being the land comprised in the Land Section of Register Unit No.VG 55 in the Register of Town or Village Greens maintained by the former 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 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 Maidstone on 14th July 1975.

At the hearing the Woodchurch Parish Council was represented by Mr T.J.Chapman, solicitor, its Clerk.

Mr Chapman stated that it was believed that the land the subject of this reference was part of the land the subject of a conveyance made 24th August 1859 between (1) William Deedes, the elder (2) William Deedes, the younger, his son (3) Joseph Munn, Robert Furley and Thomas Thurston. By a scheme made by the Charity Commissioners, dated 16th July 1925, the parts of the land comprised in the conveyance of 1859 which had not been sold in pursuance of the trusts of that conveyance were vested in the Parish Council. By a further Scheme, dated 11th October 1946, part of the land vested in the Parish Council was appropriated as the site of a village hall and in June 1967 another part was conveyed as the site for public conveniences.

Unfortunately none of these documents refers to a plan and the verbal descriptions are somewhat vague, so I find it impossible to identify any of the land referred to in the documents as the land comprised in the Register Unit. In these circumstances I can only say that 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 the 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 14<sup>th</sup> day of August 1975

Chief Commons Commissioner