



COMMONS REGISTRATION ACT 1965

Reference No.219/U/22

In the Matter of The Pound Recreation Ground,  
Knockholt, Kent.

DECISION

This reference relates to the question of the ownership of land known as the Pound Recreation Ground, Knockholt, being the land comprised in the Land Section of Register Unit No.VG 208 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 the Knockholt Parish Council claimed to be the freehold owner of the land in question, ~~and~~ Professor Sir David Smithers 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 16th July 1975.

At the hearing the Knockholt Parish Council was represented by Mr J.R.M.Lees, its Treasurer.

The land the subject of the reference was the subject of a conveyance made 29th March 1928 between (1) Thomas Samuel Wilding (2) Knockholt Parish Council to be used as an open space or recreation ground for the benefit of the inhabitants of the village of Knockholt in perpetuity. Since 1928 there have been several changes in the local government areas. First, there was created the Urban District of Orpington, which included the former parish of Knockholt. Then the area of the Urban District was made part of the London Borough of Bromley, and finally the Greater London (Kent and Surrey) Order 1968 transferred what had been the area of the former parish of Knockholt to the Rural District of Sevenoaks and constituted the present Knockholt Parish Council.

In these circumstances I am satisfied that the Knockholt Parish Council is the owner of the ~~land~~ 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(2) 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 31st day of October 1975

  
Chief Commons Commissioner