



COMMONS REGISTRATION ACT 1965

Reference No.19/U/65

In the Matter of The Village Green,  
Otham, Kent.

DECISION

This reference relates to the question of the ownership of land known as The Village Green, Otham, being the land comprised in the Land Section of Register Unit No.V.G.63 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 the Otham 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 16th January 1974.

At the hearing the Parish Council was represented by Mr. S. Huckwell, its Clerk.

The land in question was conveyed to the Parish Council by a conveyance made 30th June 1919 between (1) Alfred Johnson (2) James Rayner Betts (3) the Parish Council for a public recreation ground, and since the conveyance the Parish Council has used it for that purpose.

On this evidence I am satisfied that the Parish Council is the owner of the land, and I shall accordingly direct the Kent County Council, as registration authority, to register the Otham 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 1st day of February 1974

  
Chief Commons Commissioner