



COMMONS REGISTRATION ACT 1965

Reference No. 226/U/55

In the Matter of The Green in The Square,
Kings Sutton, Northamptonshire

DECISION

This reference relates to the question of the ownership of land known as The Green in The Square, being the land comprised in the Land Section of Register Unit No. VG 142 in the Register of Town or Village Greens maintained by the Northamptonshire 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 Kings Sutton 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 Northampton on 3 July 1979. At the hearing the Parish Council was represented by its Chairman, Mr J Rippin. Mr Rippin's evidence was that within living memory the Parish Council has looked after the Green and has planted trees and put seat on it. The grass has been kept mown by the Lord of the Manor.

I am not satisfied that the Parish Council has acquired a possessory title nor, in the absence of any other evidence, that any person is the owner of the land, and I shall accordingly direct the Northamptonshire 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, 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

22nd August

1979

L. J. Morris Smith

Commons Commissioner