



In the Matter of Four pieces of land in the Parish of Benson
(1) sunnyside playing Fields
(2) part of the former recreational allotment
(3) Rivermead recreation land
(4) recreation land in Blacklands Estate
South Oxfordshire D.

DECISION.

This reference relates to the question of the ownership of the land known as (1) sunnyside playing Field, (2) Part of former recreational allotment, (3) Rivermead recreation land, (4) recreation land in Blacklands Estate, South Oxfordshire D being the land comprised in the Land section of Register unit No. VG.103 in the Register of Town or Village Greens maintained by the Oxfordshire 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 Benson 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 Oxford on 10th June 1975.

Mr. Brighting the Chairman of the Benson Parish Council appeared and produced conveyances to the Council of the lands numbered (2) and (3) and a dedication to the Council of the land numbered (4). As regards the land numbered (1) he produced a receipt for the solicitor's costs of completing the conveyance of the land to the Council and stated that the conveyance was not available owing to the absence through illness of the solicitor.

On this evidence I am satisfied that Benson Parish Council is the owner of the land, and I shall accordingly direct the Oxfordshire County Council, as registration authority, to register Benson 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 11th day of July 1975.

C. A. Settle.

Commons Commissioner.