



In the Matter of Abingdon Recreational Allotment (Part),
St Helen Without, Oxfordshire.

DECISION

This reference relates to the question of the ownership of part of the land known as Abingdon Recreational Allotment, St Helen Without, being the part of the land comprised in the Land Section of Register Unit No. VG 86 in the Register of Town or Village Greens maintained by the former 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 the Vale of White Horse District 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 21st May 1976.

At the hearing the Vale of White Horse District Council was represented by Mr D D H Cameron, solicitor.

By a conveyance made 10th March 1953 between (1) The Parish Council of St Helen Without the Borough of Abingdon (2) The Mayor, Aldermen and Burgesses of the Borough of Abingdon the land the subject of this reference was conveyed by the Parish Council to the Corporation. Upon the coming into operation of the Local Government Act 1972 on 1st April 1974 the land in question was transferred to the District Council.

On this evidence I am satisfied that the Vale of White Horse District Council is the owner of the land, and I shall accordingly direct the Oxfordshire County Council, as registration authority, to register the District 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 24th day of June 1976.


Chief Commons Commissioner