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In the Matter of Quarry Allotments, Islip, Oxfordshire

DECISION

This reference relates to the question of the ownership of land known as Quarry Allotments, Islip, being the land comprised in the Land Section of Register Unit No. CL 108 in the Register of Common Land 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 no person claimed to be the freehold owner of the land in question and no one 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 18 July 1978.

At the hearing the Islip Parish Council was represented by Mr R Gilman, its Clerk.

The land in question is let out in plots to a number of tenants, the rents totalling £5 a year. At one time the rents were collected by the former Rural District Council and applied to the relief of the rates of the parish of Islip, but since 1960 the Parish Council has collected the rents and applied them to its own purposes.

On this evidence I am satisfied that the Parish Council is the owner of the land, and I shall accordingly direct the Oxfordshire 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 3rd day of June

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CHIEF COMMONS COMMISSIONER