



In the Matter of The Recreation Ground,
Moulsford, Oxfordshire.

DECISION

This reference relates to the question of the ownership of land known as The Recreation Ground, Moulsford, being the land comprised in the Land Section of Register Unit No. VG 50 in the Register of Town or Village Greens maintained by the former Berkshire 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 Moulsford 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 19 July 1978.

At the hearing the Parish Council was represented by Mr W J Tweed, solicitor.

By a conveyance made 4 May 1935 between (1) William Harold Jones (2) Midland Bank Ltd (3) Frederick Barnard Elliot (4) F B Elliot, the Chairman, and Evelyn Robins Abbott, the councillor representing the parish of Moulsford on the Rural District Council, the land in question was conveyed to the representative body of the parish of Moulsford, which at that time had no Parish Council.

On 29 July 1946 the Parish Council was constituted by an order made by the former Berkshire County Council under section 43(2) of the Local Government Act 1894.

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 August 1978

E. J. Lamb

CHIEF COMMONS COMMISSIONER