



COMMONS REGISTRATION ACT 1965

Reference No.29/U/79

In the Matter of The Recreation Ground,
Standlake, Oxfordshire

DECISION

This reference relates to the question of the ownership of land known as The Recreation Ground, Standlake, being the land comprised in the Land Section of Register Unit No.V.G.57 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 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 31st January 1974.

At the hearing the Standlake Parish Council was represented by Mr. F.B. Johnson, its Chairman.

The land in question was allotted to Magdalen Collage, Oxford as a place of exercise and recreation for the inhabitants of the parish of Standlake and neighbourhood by the Standlake,Brighthampton and Hardwick Inclosure Award, dated 12th May 1853, made under the Second Annual Inclosure Act 1848.

The land was conveyed to the Parish Council in trust as a place of exercise and recreation for the inhabitants of the parish and neighbourhood by a conveyance made 28th September 1948 between (1) The President and Scholars of Magdalen College, Oxford (2) the Parish Council.

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 Standlake 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 18th day of February 1974

Chief Commons Commissioner