



COMMONS REGISTRATION ACT 1965

Reference No. 29/U/62

In the Matter of The Recreation Ground,
The Memorial Green and The Old Ford,
Chalgrove, Oxfordshire.

DECISION

This reference relates to the question of the ownership of land known as The Recreation Ground, The Memorial Green, and The Old Ford, Chalgrove, being the land comprised in the Land Section of Register Unit No. V.G.38 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 the Charity Commissioners 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 20th November 1973.

At the hearing the Chalgrove Parish Council was represented by Mr. W.R.A. Penny, its Clerk, and the Charity Commissioners were represented by Mr. R.N. Platt.

The land the subject of this reference consists of three areas. The largest of these areas is known as the Recreation Ground. This was conveyed to the Chalgrove Parish Council by a deed of exchange made 28th December 1950 between (1) Richmond Noel Richmond-Watson (2) Lloyds Bank Ltd (3) the Parish Council and (4) the Bullingdon Rural District Council in exchange for land which had been allotted to the Churchwardens and Overseers of the parish of Chalgrove by an inclosure award dated 30th December 1845. Mr. Penny told me that the Parish Council's part of this deed had been lost, but copies of it were produced to me by Mr. Platt and by Mr. T.D. Symmons, the Deputy Clerk of the Bullingdon Rural District Council. Since 1950 the land which it received in exchange has been used by the Parish Council as a recreation ground.

The land known as the Old Ford is a long strip adjacent to the western boundary of the Recreation Ground. The Parish Council can prove no title to this, although it is now used with the Recreation Ground. The Memorial Green is a small triangular piece of land on which the village war memorial stands, but the Parish Council can prove no title to it.

On this evidence I am satisfied that the Parish Council is the owner of the Recreation Ground, but I am not satisfied that any person is the owner of the Memorial Green and the Old Ford, and I shall accordingly direct the Oxfordshire County Council, as registration authority to register the Parish Council as the owner of the Recreation Ground under section 8(2) of the Act



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of 1965 and as the owner of the Memorial Green and the Old Ford under section 8(3) of the Act.

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 *26th* day of December 1973

Chief Commons Commissioner