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In the Matter of The Sports Ground, Peppard Common, Rotherfield Peppard, Oxfordshire.

DECISION

This reference relates to the question of the ownership of land known as The Sports Ground, Peppard Common, Rotherfield Peppard, being the land comprised in the Land Section of Register Unit No. VG 7 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 Rotherfield Peppard 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 R A H Taylor, its Chairman.

The land in question was conveyed to the Parish Council by a conveyance made 4 November 1946 between (1) Lionel George Chater (2) The Parish Council to be held for the purposes of the Local Government Act 1894 and the Physical Training and Recreation Act 1937 as a public open space and war memorial playing field for the village of Peppard.

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 370 day of

1978

CHIEF COMMONS COMMISSIONER