



In the Matter of The Village Green,
Grove, Oxfordshire.

DECISION

This reference relates to the question of the ownership of land known as The Village Green, Grove, being the land comprised in the Land Section of Register Unit No. VG 80 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 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 26 November 1976.

At the hearing the Grove Parish Council was represented by Mr N W Witter, its Clerk. By a scheme approved by the Board of Charity Commissioners for England and Wales on 9 February 1909 the land the subject of this reference was vested in the Parish Council, the administration and management of the land remaining with the Trustees of the Charity known as the Hayward's Allotment.

On this evidence I am satisfied that the Grove 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 26th day of March 1977

Chief Commons Commissioner