



COMMONS REGISTRATION ACT 1965

Reference No.2/U/7

In the Matter of Upper Green,  
Stanford-in-the-Vale, Berkshire.

DECISION

This reference relates to the question of the ownership of land known as Upper Green, Stanford-in-the-Vale, being the land comprised in the Land Section of Register Unit No.V.G.9 in the Register of Town or Village Greens maintained by the 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 Reading on 5th October 1972.

At the hearing Mr. J. Vogt, solicitor, appeared for the Stanford-in-the-Vale Parish Council. Evidence was given by Dr. John Armand Tobin, of the Old House, Stanford-in-the-Vale, that the Parish Council has been in possession of Upper Green since at latest 1897, since when the Council has cut the grass and generally kept the Green in order. These acts were not inconsistent with the rights of the true owner, whoever he may have been. The only action by the Council inconsistent with the rights of the true owner of which evidence was given was the planting of a tree as recently as 1970. On this evidence I have come to the conclusion that the Parish Council has not proved any title to the land.

For these reasons I am not satisfied that any person is the owner of the land, and I shall accordingly direct the Berkshire County Council, as registration authority, to register the Parish Council as the owner of the land under section 8(3) 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 ~~25~~ day of October 1972

Chief Commons Commissioner