



In the Matter of War Memorial Cross, Lower Shiplake,
Oxfordshire

DECISION

This reference relates to the question of the ownership of land known as War Memorial Cross, Lower Shiplake, being the land comprised in the Land Section of Register Unit No CL 91 in the Register of Common Land 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 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 20 July 1978.

At the hearing the Lower Shiplake Parish Council was represented by Mr R W Keep, its Clerk.

By a conveyance made 22 February 1923 between (1) James Hardman Stewart and Harry Dobb (2) Charles Arthur William Ayles and others, members of the Lower Shiplake Parish Council, the land in question was conveyed to the Parish Council for the purpose of the erection of a war memorial. The war memorial was erected and has since stood on the land.

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 3rd day of August 1978.

CHIEF COMMONS COMMISSIONER