

In the Matter of Staplegrove Green or The Grove, Staplegrove,
Somerset

DECISION

This reference relates to the question of the ownership of land known as Staplegrove Green or The Grove, Staplegrove, being the land comprised in the Land Section of Register Unit No. VG 71 in the Register of Town or Village Greens maintained by the Somerset 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 Staplegrove 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 Taunton on 23 October 1984.

At the hearing Mr R W Morgan, Solicitor appeared on behalf of the Parish Council.

The land in question was allotted and awarded to Abraham Turner and Charles James Turner by the Staplegrove Inclosure Award made 6 March 1851 under the Inclosure Act 1845. After divers mesne assignments it was conveyed to the Parish Council by a Conveyance made 26 November 1956 between (1) David Louis Drummond, Geoffrey Frederic Powell and Launcelot Henry Beaumont Burlton (2) The Parish Council of Staplegrove.

On this evidence I am satisfied that the Parish Council is the owner of the land, and I shall accordingly direct the Somerset 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 Righ Court.

Dated this

30E

day of

October

1984

Chief Commons Commissioner