



COMMONS REGISTRATION ACT 1965

Reference No.32/U/7

In the Matter of The Village Green,
Combe St. Nicholas, Somerset.

DECISION

This reference relates to the question of the ownership of land known as The Village Green, Combe St. Nicholas, being the land comprised in the Land Section of Register Unit No.V.G.3 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 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 Taunton on 2nd November 1972.

At the hearing Mr. L.V. Preston, the Clerk of the Combe St. Nicholas Parish Council, produced a conveyance dated 11th March 1929, whereby the Ecclesiastical Commissioners for England conveyed the land in question to the Parish Council to be laid out and dedicated to the public as open walks or pleasure grounds for the recreation and benefit of the public.

On this evidence I am satisfied that the Combe St. Nicholas 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 High Court.

Dated this 8th day of November 1972

Chief Commons Commissioner