

COMMONS REGISTRATION ACT 1965

Reference No. 233/U/58

In the Matter of Recreation Allotment, Kingsley, Staffordshire Moorlands District, Staffordshire

DECISION

This reference relates to the question of the ownership of land known as Recreation allotment (The Round Hill), Kingsley, Staffordshire Moorlands District being the land comprised in the Land Section of Register Unit No VG 32 in the Register of Town or Village Greens maintained by the Staffordshire 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 Commons, Open Spaces and Footpaths Preservation Society, on whose application the registration was made, said (letter dated 20 December 1976) that the land was allotted to the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of Kingsley in an Award made on 24 July 1856 for Inclosures in the Manor of Kingsley and Kingsley Parish Council said (letter dated 15 June 1978) that the ownership of the particular piece of ground is not in dispute. No person 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 Hanley, Stoke-on-Trent, on 6 July 1978. There was no appearance at the hearing.

In the absence of any evidence I am not satisfied that any person is the owner of the land, and I shall accordingly direct the Staffordshire County Council, as registration authority, to register Kingsley 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 21si — day of July — 1978

a a Baden Fuller