



COMMONS REGISTRATION ACT 1965

Reference No. 233/U/82

In the Matter of The Village Green,  
Hopton, Staffordshire

DECISION

This reference relates to the question of the ownership of land known as The Village Green, Hopton, being the land comprised in the Land Section of Register Unit No. VG.62 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 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 Stafford on 17 July 1979. At the hearing, the Hopton Parish Council was represented by Mr G J Fairbanks, its Chairman.

The land the subject of the reference was conveyed to Mr G W Allen and Mr J Harrall as trustees by a conveyance made 16 June 1938 between (1) John George Charles Henry Alton Alexander Chetwynd, Earl of Shrewsbury and Earl Talbot (2) George William Allen and John Harrall, and was conveyed to the Parish Council by a conveyance made 31 July 1961 between (1) The Official Custodian for Charities (2) G W Allen and J Harrall (3) Hopton Parish Council.

On this evidence I am satisfied that the Hopton Parish Council is the owner of the land, and I shall accordingly direct the Staffordshire 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

26<sup>th</sup>

day of

July

1979

  
Chief Commons Commissioner