



## COMMONS REGISTRATION ACT 1965

In the Matter of Land adjoining School Lane,  
Copthorne, Worth, West Sussex.

## DECISION

This reference relates to the question of the ownership of land adjoining School Lane, Copthorne, Worth, being the part of the land comprised in the Land Section of Register Unit No. CL 327 in the Register of Common Land maintained by the West Sussex 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 Lewes on 17 December 1976.

At the hearing the Worth Parish Council was represented by Mrs A Corbett-Jones, its Clerk, who informed me that the land in question is maintained as a school playing area, but that she had no evidence as to its ownership.

In the absence of any evidence I am not satisfied that any person is the owner of the land, and it will therefore remain subject to protection under section 9 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 14<sup>th</sup> day of February 1977

Chief Commons Commissioner