



In the Matter of South Avenue Recreation Ground,
Hurstpierpoint, West Sussex.

DECISION

This reference relates to the question of the ownership of land known as South Avenue Recreation Ground, Hurstpierpoint, being the land comprised in the Land Section of Register Unit No. VG 77 in the Register of Town or Village Greens 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 Hurstpierpoint Parish Council was represented by Mr C H Stacey, one of its members.

The land in question was conveyed to the Parish Council by a conveyance made 4 August 1944 between (1) Wilham Simon Campion (2) Charles Harold Noel Adams, John Henry Campion and Henry Joseline Phillimore (3) the Parish Council.

On this evidence I am satisfied that the Parish Council is the owner of the land, and I shall accordingly direct the West Sussex 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 14th day of February 1977

Chief Commons Commissioner