

COMMONS REGISTRATION ACT 1965

Reference No.38/U/13

In the Matter of Verdley Waste. Fernhurst, West Sussex.

DECISION

This reference relates to the question of the ownership of land known as Verdley Waste, Fernhurst, being the land comprised in the Land Section of Register Unit No.CL 83 in the Register of Common Land maintained by the former 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 Chichester on 18th June 1975.

At the hearing the Fernhurst Parish Council was represented by Mr R.G.Pape, its Clerk.

The land the subject of the reference was the subject of a deed of gift made 23rd August 1948 between (1) Plant Protection Ltd (2) Fernhurst Parish Council, and has been in the possession of the Parish Council since that date.

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 74 day of July 1975

Chief Commons Commissioner