



COMMONS REGISTRATION ACT 1965

Reference No.41/U/37

In the Matter of The Village Green,
Allington, Wiltshire.

DECISION

This reference relates to the question of the ownership of land known as The Village Green, Allington, being the land comprised in the Land Section of Register Unit No.VG 19 in the Register of Town or Village Greens maintained by the former Wiltshire County Council of which no person is registered under section 9 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 Salisbury on 25th February 1975.

At the hearing the Allington Parish Council was represented by Mrs Y.Martin, one of its members.

Mrs Martin has only known the land in question for about four years, but she put in a written statement by the Clerk of the Parish Council about action taken by the Parish Council in relation to the land in question. Had the Clerk been able to give evidence of these matters from his own knowledge I might have been justified in finding that the Parish Council had acquired a possessory title to the land, but since the land is registered as a Town or Village Green it does not seem necessary to pursue this matter and it will suffice for me to state that in the absence of admissible evidence I am not satisfied that any person is the owner of the land, and I shall accordingly direct the Wiltshire County Council, as registration authority, to register the Allington 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 18th day of March 1975

Chief Commons Commissioner