



COMMONS REGISTRATION ACT 1965

Reference No.41/U/21

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

DECISION

This reference relates to the question of the ownership of land known as The Village Green, Crudwell, being the land comprised in the Land Section of Register Unit No.V.G.6 in the Register of Town or Village Greens maintained by the Wiltshire 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 land at Salisbury on 24th October 1973.

At the hearing the Crudwell Parish Council was represented by Mr. J.P.B. Holmes, its Clerk. Mr. Holmes produced the Council's minute book, from which it appears that on 16th April 1921 the Council received from the solicitors to Lady Lucas of Crudwell a conveyance of the land in question as a gift. It appears from the relevant minute that the land was conveyed as an open space for the recreation and enjoyment of the people of Crudwell. Mr. Holmes informed me that this conveyance was not among the documents handed over to him when he became Clerk and that, although he had made enquiries, he had been unable to discover the present whereabouts of the document.

Notwithstanding the non-production of the conveyance, I am satisfied that the Parish Council is the owner of the land, and I shall accordingly direct the Wiltshire 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 28th day of November 1973


Chief Commons Commissioner