



COMMONS REGISTRATION ACT 1965

Reference No. 1/U/68

In the Matter of Ickwell Green,  
Harthill, Bedfordshire.

DECISION

This reference relates to the question of the ownership of land known as Ickwell Green, Harthill, being part of the land comprised in the Land Section of Register Unit No.V.G.20 in the Register of Town or Village Greens maintained by the Bedfordshire 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 the Northill Parish Council claimed to be the freehold owner of the land in question and no other person 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 Bedford on 14th February 1974.

At the hearing the Parish Council was represented by Mr. R.J. Kitchener, its Clerk.

The land the subject of this reference consists of the whole of the land comprised in the Register Unit, with the exception of a small area distinguished by the letter "A" on the Register Map, of which Mr. G.R. Dilleigh, Mr. G.W. Reeks, Mr. J.J. Heath, and Mr. C. Thompson have been registered as owners without dispute and another small area distinguished by the letter "B" on the Register Map, of which Mr. Dilleigh, Mr. A.B. Wright, Mr. Reeks, and Mr. Thompson have been registered as owners without dispute.

The Parish Council maintained the land the subject of the reference for many years before 1968. On 23rd July 1968 a conveyance was made between (1) Mary Gertrude Wells, Eric Lucas and Hubert Wethered Thorn (2) the Parish Council. The parcels of this conveyance were: "All rights estate and interest which the Grantors may have over and in respect of Ickwell Green". Since this conveyance the Parish Council has been in uninterrupted possession.

On this evidence I am satisfied that the Parish Council is the owner of the land, and I shall accordingly direct the Bedfordshire County Council, as registration authority, to register the Northill 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 7<sup>th</sup> day of March 1974

Chief Commons Commissioner