



COMMONS REGISTRATION ACT 1965

Reference No.2/U/24

In the Matter of Burghfield Hatch Recreation
Ground, Burghfield, Berkshire.

DECISION

This reference relates to the question of the ownership of the land known as Burghfield Hatch Recreation Ground, Burghfield, being the land comprised in the Land Section of Register Unit No.V.G.40 in the Register of Town or Village Greens maintained by the Berkshire 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 Reading on 10th October 1972.

At the hearing Mr. A.N. Wicks, solicitor, appeared for the Burghfield Parish Council. Mr. Wicks produced certified extracts from the Burghfield Inclosure Award dated 6th October 1853, which show that the land in question was awarded to the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the parish of Burghfield in trust as a place of exercise and recreation for the inhabitants of the parish and neighbourhood. By virtue of section 6(1)(c)(iii) and section 67 of the Local Government Act 1894 the land passed to and vested in 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 Berkshire County Council, as registration authority, to register the Burghfield 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 6th day of November 1972


Chief Commons Commissioner