



In the Matter of Spencers Wood Recreation  
Ground, Shinfield, Berkshire

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DECISION

This reference relates to the question of the ownership of land known as Spencers Wood Recreation Ground, Shinfield, being the part of the land comprised in the Land Section of Register Unit No. VG 82 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 Windsor on 12 December 1978.

At the hearing the Shinfield Parish Council was represented by Mr W H Beckingham, its Vice-Chairman.

The land the subject of the reference was allotted and awarded by the Shinfield Greens Inclosure Award made 5 November 1855 under the Annual Inclosure Act 1851 to Alexander Cobham Cobham to be held by him and his heirs and assigns subject to the condition of preserving the surface in good condition and permitting it to be used for exercise and recreation by the inhabitants of the Parish of Shinfield and neighbourhood.

The land was conveyed to the Parish Council by an indenture made 20 October 1924 between (1) Alexander Blyth Cobham (2) Shinfield 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 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

22nd

day of

January

1979

Chief Commons Commissioner