



In the Matter of land east of Red Lion Public House
Little Missenden, Bucks

DECISION

This reference relates to the question of the ownership of the land described above being the land comprised in the Land Section of Register Unit No CL 231 in the Register of Common Land maintained by the Bucks 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 Little Missenden 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 Aylesbury on 20 February 1979.

Mr L Peacock, Clerk to the Little Missenden Parish Council, which claims ownership, appeared on its behalf, and Mr Durrant of the County Council staff was present.

Mr Peacock produced a plan showing the land in question, on which was the legend ... "transferred by Mr Pembroke Stephens KC to Little Missenden Parish Council to be held and preserved for the good of the village for ever. Signed in Public Meeting 30 November 1903 by Mr Pembroke - Stephens". There followed his signature.

The land has been kept and maintained by the Parish Council as an amenity for the village and posts have been erected round the edge.

On this evidence I am satisfied that the Parish Council is the owner of the land, and I shall accordingly direct the Bucks 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 18th day of March 1979
L. J. Morris Smith
Commons Commissioner