



COMMONS REGISTRATION ACT 1965

Reference No.37/U/96

In the Matter of Land adjoining Memorial Hall,
Danehill, East Sussex.

DECISION

This reference relates to the question of the ownership of land adjoining the Memorial Hall, Danehill, being the land comprised in the Land Section of Register Unit No.CL 112 in the Register of Common Land maintained by the former East Sussex 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 Danehill 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 Lewes on 20th November 1974.

There was no appearance at the hearing. I was, however, furnished with an affidavit sworn by Mr R.N.Platt, an officer of the Charity Commission, to which is exhibited a conveyance made 18th July 1927 between (1) Charles Joseph Henry Corbett, Herbert Edwin Corbett, Edward Montagu Corbett, and Adrian Gray Corbett (2) H.E.Corbett, Margery Irene Corbett Ashby and Cicely Diane Corbett Fisher (3) C.J.H.Corbett (4) Danehill Parish Council whereby the land the subject of the reference was conveyed to the Council. By a scheme made by the Charity Commissioners for England and Wales under the Charities Act 1960 on 13th May 1966 the land the subject of the conveyance was vested in the Official Custodian for Charities.

On this evidence I am satisfied that the Official Custodian for Charities is the owner of the land, and I shall accordingly direct the East Sussex County Council, as registration authority, to register him 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 16th day of December 1974

Chief Commons Commissioner