



COMMONS REGISTRATION ACT 1965

Reference No. 37/U/71

In the Matter of The Common Pond,
Hailsham, East Sussex

DECISION

This reference relates to the question of the ownership of land known as The Common Pond, Hailsham, being the land comprised in the Land Section of Register Unit No. CL 100 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 no person claimed to be the freehold owner of the land in question and no one claimed to hve 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 15 November 1978.

At the hearing Mr D S Alexander, Solicitor, appeared on behalf of the Hailsham Town Council.

It is stated in the minutes of the meeting of the former Hailsham Parish Council held on 20 October 1922. that the conveyance of the Common Pond had been signed. It appears from earlier minutes that the Common Pond was being purchased from the then Lord Sackville for £300. Mr Alexander informed me that search had failed to reveal the present whereabouts of the conveyance.

Although it would have been more satisfactory had the conveyance been produced, I can say that on this evidence I am satisfied that the Town Council, as successor of the Parish Council, is the owner of the land, and I shall accordingly direct the East Sussex County Council, as registration authority, to register the Hailsham Town 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 14th day of December 1978

Chief Commons Commissioner