

COMMONS REGISTRATION ACT 1965

Reference No. 37/U/63

In the Matter of The Green (part), Frant, East Sussex

DECISION

This reference relates to the question of the ownership of land known as The Green (part), Frant, being the part of the land comprised in the Land Section of Register Unit No. VG 45 in the Register of Town or Village Greens 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, but the Charity Commission 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 15 November 1978.

There was no appearance at the hearing. There was submitted to me an affidavit by Mr Michael Joseph McManne, a Higher Executive Officer of the Charity Commission, regarding the ownership of a part of the land comprised in the Register Unit. This part is, however, not included in the reference, since the registration of the Marquis Camden as its owner, being undisputed, became final on 1 August 1972.

In the absence of any evidence regarding the ownership of the land which is included in the reference, I am not satisfied that any person is the owner of the land, and I shall accordingly direct the East Sussex County Council, as registration authority, to register the Frant Parish Council as the owner of the land under section 8(3) 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

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Chief Commons Commissioner