



COMMONS REGISTRATION ACT 1965

Reference No.14/U/6

In the Matter of The Recreation and
Sports Ground, Itchen Valley, Hampshire.

DECISION

This reference relates to the question of the ownership of land known as The Recreation and Sports Ground, Itchen Valley, being the land comprised in the Land Section of Register Unit No.V.G.23 in the Register of Town or Village Greens maintained by the Hampshire 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 Itchen Valley 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 Winchester on 14th December 1972.

At the hearing Commander E.D. Symes, the Chairman of the Parish Council, produced a conveyance dated 18th March 1935, whereby Sir John Shelley-Rolls, Baronet conveyed a part of the land the subject of this reference to the Parish Council, and another conveyance dated 22nd April 1937, whereby Sir John conveyed the remainder of the land to the Parish Council.

On this evidence I am satisfied that the Itchen Valley Parish Council is the owner of the land, and I shall accordingly direct the Hampshire 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 21st day of December 1972

Chief Commons Commissioner