

COMMONS REGISTRATION ACT 1965

Reference No.14/U/45

In the Matter of The Village Green, Grayshott, Hampshire.

DECISION

This reference relates to the question of the ownership of land known as The Village Green, Grayshott, being the land comprised in the Land Section of Register Unit No.V.G.63 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 Grayshott 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 10th January 1974.

At the hearing the Parish Council appeared by its Clerk, Mr.D.P. Lawson.

The land in question was conveyed to the Parish Council by an indenture made 21st July 1914 between (1) Arnold Lyndon and Thomas Ashley Crook (2) the Parish Council. This indenture has no plan, but the land in question can be identified by reference to the next preceding document of title, an indenture made 8th September 1913 between (1) John Sheldon Ward (2) J.S. Ward, Alfred Ward and Jesse William Ward (3) A. Lyndon and T.A. Crook. The Parish Council has been in possession of the land since 1914.

On this evidence I am satisfied that the Parish Council is the owner of the land, and I shall accordingly direct the Hampshire County Council, as registration authority, to register the Grayshott 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 5 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 25th day of January 1974

Chief commons commissioner