

COMMONS REGISTRATION ACT 1965

Reference No. 14/U/14

In the Matter of The Village Green, Upper Clatford, Hampshire.

DECISION

This reference relates to the question of the ownership of land known as The Village Green, Upper Clatford, being the land comprised in the Land Section of Register Unit No. V.G.37 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 no person claimed to be the freehold owner of the land in question and no 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 31st May 1972.

At the hearing Mrs. N.I. Smith, the Clerk of the Upper Clatford Parish Council, informed me that the land in question had been allotted in an inclosure award and promised to let me have a copy of the relevant portion of the award certified by the County Archivist. Mrs. Smith has since informed the Clerk of the Commons Commissioners that the award does not support the Parish Council's claim to ownership. In the absence of any evidence I am not satisfied that any person is the owner of the land, and I shall accordingly direct the Hampshire County Council, as registration authority, to register the Upper Clatford 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 274 day of fune 1972

Chief Commons Commissioner