



COMMONS REGISTRATION ACT 1965

Reference No.16/U/37

In the Matter of Land North of Commonwood
Common, Sarratt, Hertfordshire.

DECISION

This reference relates to the question of the ownership of land known as Land North of Commonwood Common, Sarratt, being the land comprised in the Land Section of Register Unit No.C.L.63 in the Register of Common Land maintained by the Hertfordshire 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 Sarratt 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 Hertford on 13th March 1973.

At the hearing the Sarratt Parish Council was represented by Mr. K.A.Gosney, Clerk of the Watford Rural District Council.

The Parish Council has employed a man to keep this land tidy for many years. This in itself is not sufficient evidence of ownership, since it is not adverse to the interests of anyone with a legal title to the land. There is, however, evidence that the Parish Council has for many years received rents and profits in the shape of small payments from neighbouring residents for rights of access over the land.

On this evidence I am satisfied that the Parish Council is the owner of the land, and I shall accordingly direct the Hertfordshire 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 23rd day of March 1973


Chief Commons Commissioner