



COMMONS REGISTRATION ACT 1965

Reference No. 16/U/7

In the Matter of The Green,
Sarratt, Hertfordshire

DECISION

This reference relates to the question of the ownership of land known as The Green, Sarratt, being the land comprised in the Land Section of Register Unit No. V.G.14 in the Register of Town or Village Greens 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 Watford on 11th April 1972.

On behalf of the Sarratt Parish Council evidence was given (which I accept) that the Council had ever since a conveyance dated 29th December 1938 been in possession of the land, and that the conveyance (which was produced to me) was held by the Council. The conveyance was between T. Clutterbuck and others ("the Vendors") and the Council; it recited that P. Clutterbuck was as Lord of the Manor of Sarratt at his death seised in fee simple of the land thereby conveyed, that P. Clutterbuck died on 30th September 1938 and that the Vendors were his personal representatives; it was by the conveyance witnessed that the Vendors conveyed the land therein described (which land I identify as the same as that in question in this reference) to the Council in fee simple.

The Clerk of the Watford Rural District Council informed me that his Council did not wish to claim in conflict with the claim of the Sarratt Parish Council.

No other person appeared at the hearing.

For these reasons I am satisfied that the Sarratt Parish Council is the owner of the land, and I shall accordingly direct the Hertfordshire County Council as registration authority, to register Sarratt Parish Council as the owner of the land.

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 28th day of April 1972

R. A. Bowen Fothergill

Commons Commissioner