



In the Matter of The Village Green, Brook, Brighstone,
Isle of Wight

DECISION

This reference relates to the question of the ownership of land known as The Village Green, Brook, Brighstone, being the land comprised in the Land Section of Register Unit No. VG 12 in the Register of Town or Village Greens maintained by the Isle of Wight 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 one 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 Newport on 17 November 1977.

At the hearing the Brighstone Parish Council was represented by Mrs W Hollis, its Clerk. Mrs Hollis informed me that she believed that the land in question had been given to the former Brook Parish Council by Sir Jack Seeley in 1925, but that she had no document relating to this gift in her custody.

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 Isle of Wight County Council, as registration authority, to register the Brighstone 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 20th day of December 1977

Chief Commons Commissioner