



COMMONS REGISTRATION ACT 1965

Reference No.219/U/23

In the Matter of Chapman's Green,  
Knockholt, Kent.

DECISION

This reference relates to the question of the ownership of land known as Chapman's Green, Knockholt, being the land comprised in the Land Section of Register Unit No.VG 209 in the Register of Town or Village Greens maintained by the former Kent 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, but Professor Sir David Smithers 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 Maidstone on 16th July 1975.

At the hearing the Knockholt Parish Council was represented by Mr J.R.M.Lees, its Treasurer.

Mr Lees said that he had no evidence as to the ownership of the land and asked that it should be vested in the Parish Council under section 8(3) of the Act of 1965.

In these circumstances I am not satisfied that any person is the owner of the land, and I shall accordingly direct the Kent County Council, as registration authority, to register the 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 31st day of October 1975

Chief Commons Commissioner