

COMMONS REGISTRATION ACT 1965

Reference No.219/U/18

In the Matter of Crockenhill Green,
Eynsford, Kent.

DECISION

This reference relates to the question of the ownership of land known as Crockenhill Green, Eynsford, being the land comprised in the Land Section of Register Unit No.VG 189 in the Register of Town or Village Greens maintained by the 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 the Eynsford 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 Maidstone on 16th July 1975.

At the hearing the Parish Council was represented by Mr F.J.Hussey, one of its members.

The land the subject of the reference was conveyed to the Parish Council by a conveyance made 22nd February 1922 between (1) Sir William Hart Dyke, bt and Percyvall Hart Dyke (2) Fiennes Stanley Wykeham Cornwallis (3) Eynsford Parish Council to be used as an open space for recreation for the benefit of the inhabitants of the Parish of Eynsford for ever. The land has since been so used.

On this evidence I am satisfied that the Parish Council 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(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 31st day of October 1975

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