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In the Matter of The Village Green, Arncott,
Oxfordshire

DECISION

This reference relates to the question of the ownership of land known as The Village Green, Arncott, being the land comprised in the Land Section of Register Unit No. VG 68 in the Register of Town or Village Greens maintained by the former Oxfordshire 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 Oxford on 18 July 1978.

At the hearing the Arncott Parish Council was represented by Mr J L Lorenzen, its Chairman.

The Parish Council has maintained this land since 1894. In 1961 the Council ploughed it up and re-seeded it and planted some trees. In 1965 the Council placed swings on the land and has since maintained them. In my view, the Council has acquired a possessory title to the land.

On this evidence I am satisfied that the Parish Council is the owner of the land, and I shall accordingly direct the Oxfordshire 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 ~~28th~~ day of

July

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CHIEF COMMONS COMMISSIONER