



In the Matter of Ockley Green, Mole Valley D

DECISION

This reference relates to the question of the ownership of land described above 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 Surrey 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 Mr G E Lee-Steere claimed to be the freehold owner of the land in question ("the unit land") 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 Unit Land at Guildford on 21 May 1986.

At the hearing Mr D Sills, Solicitor, appeared on behalf of Mr Lee-Steere, and no other claimant appeared.

By a Vesting Deed dated 1 March 1962 the Trustees of the Settlement referred to therein conveyed to Mr Lee-Steere as tenant for life property known as the Jayes Estate including the manor of Ockley. By a Deed of Discharge dated 30 December 1964 and made between the Trustees and Mr Lee-Steere the Trustees declared that they were discharged from the trusts of the settlement. A Statutory Declaration made on 11 September 1970 by F L Crew, Chartered Surveyor, had attached a plan of Ockley Green which shows the Unit Land as part of the Jayes Estate and in the Manor of Ockley.

On this evidence I am satisfied that Mr Lee-Steere is the owner of the Unit Land, and I shall accordingly direct the Surrey County Council, as registration authority to register him 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

2nd

day of

July

1986

H. J. Morris Smith

Commons Commissioner