



In the Matter of Preston-on-Stour Village
Green, Preston-on-Stour, Warwickshire

DECISION

This reference relates to the question of the ownership of land known as Preston-on-Stour Village Green, Preston-on-Stour being the land comprised in the Land Section of Register Unit No. VG 26 in the Register of Town or Village Greens maintained by the Warwickshire 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 Stratford-on-Avon on 3 February 1982.

At the hearing the Preston-on-Stour Parish Council was represented by Miss J R Smith, its Clerk. Miss Smith informed me that she believed that the land in question formed part of the estate of Capt. J W West, but that he did not want this land. Capt. West's wishes are, of course, not relevant to the matter which I have to consider, but since there is no evidence before me that the land does belong to Capt. West, I can only say that 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 Warwickshire County Council, as registration authority, to register the Preston-on-Stour 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

11th

day of

February

1982

Chief Commons Commissioner