

COMMONS REGISTRATION ACT 1965

Reference No 238/U/28

In the Matter of Mannings Heath Common, (or Recreation Ground), Nuthurst, Horsham District, West Sussex

DECISION

This reference relates to the question of the ownership of land known as Mannings Heath Common otherwise known as The Recreation Ground, Nuthurst, Horsham District being the land comprised in the Land Section of Register Unit No VG. 52 in the Register of Town or Village Greens maintained by the West Sussex 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 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 Chichester on 13 April 1978. At the hearing South Eastern Electricity Board were represented by Mr N Dewick their solicitor.

Mr Dewick handed me a large scale map and pointed out the line of the mains mentioned in the Note on the Register made on the application of the Board. He said that the Board do not claim ownership.

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 West Sussex County Council, as registration authority, to register Nuthurst 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 2cle day of Africa — 1978

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