

In the Matter of Dunstan Green, Thatcham, Berkshire

DECISION

This reference relates to the question of the ownership of land known as Dunstan Green, Thatcham, being the land comprised in the Land Section of Register Unit No VG 48 in the Register of Town or Village Greens maintained by the former Berkshire 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 Newbury on 31 January 1978.

At the hearing the Thatcham Town Council was represented by Mr B C Jerram, its Clerk.

Mr Jerram informed me that the land might belong to Sir William Mount, whom he believed to be the lord of the manor of Thatcham, but he had no evidence of this.

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 Berkshire County Council, as registration authority, to register the Thatcham Town 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 2053 day of

1978

CHIEF COMMONS COMMISSIONER