

Reference No. 202/U/44

In the Matter of land in Charvil Lane, Sonning, Berkshire

DECISION

This reference relates to the question of the ownership of land in Charvil Lane, Sonning being the land comprised in the Land Section of Register Unit No. VG 74 in the Register of Town or Village Greens maintained by the 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 Windsor on 12 December 1978.

At the hearing the Sonning Farish Council was represented by Mr H A Prismall, one of its members.

It appears that the Parish Council has been in possession of the land in question in recent years, but the evidence of possession does not go far enough back to support a possessory title.

On the evidence I can only say that 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 Sonning 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 aggrieced 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

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Chief Commons Commissioner