



In the Matter of The Recreation Ground,
Ridgewood, Uckfield, East Sussex

DECISION

This reference relates to the question of the ownership of land known as The Recreation Ground, Ridgewood, Uckfield, being the land comprised in the Land Section of Register Unit No. VG 53 in the Register of Town or Village Greens: maintained by the former East 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 the Uckfield Town Council claimed to be the freehold owner of the land in question 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 land at Lewes on 15 November 1978.

At the hearing the Town Council was represented by Mr M N Smith.

The land in question was allotted and awarded by the Framfield Manor Inclosure Award, made 30 January 1852 under the Acts for the Inclosure, Exchange and Improvement of Lands, to the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of Uckfield, to be held by them and their successors in trust as a place for exercise and recreation for the inhabitants of the parish and neighbourhood.

By section 6(1)(c)(iii) and 67 of the Local Government Act 1894 the land was transferred to the former Uckfield Parish Council, the predecessor of the Town Council.

On this evidence I am satisfied that the Town Council is the owner of the land, and I shall accordingly direct the East Sussex County Council, as registration authority, to register the Uckfield Town Council 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

4th

day of

December

1978

Chief Commons Commissioner