

In the Matter of The Village Green adjoining All Saints Church, Hannington, Kingsclere, Hampshire.

DECISION

This reference relates to the question of the ownership of land known as The Village Green adjoining All Saints Church, Hannington, Kingsclere, being the land comprised in the Land Section of Register Unit No. VG. 60 in the Register of Town or Village Greens maintained by the former Hampshire County Council of which no person is registered under section 4 of the Common 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 Winchester on 22 February 1977.

At the hearing the Kingsclere Parish Council was represented by Mr W E D Smith, its Clerk. Mr Smith informed me that his Council had tried hard to find the owner of the land in question, but had been unsuccessful.

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 Hampshire County Council, as registration authority, to register the Kingsclere Parish Council as the owner of the land under section 3(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 noint 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, 25%

day of Papril

1977

Chief Commons Commissioner