



COMMONS REGISTRATION ACT 1965

Reference No.16/U/49

In the Matter of The Croft or Church Green,
Wymondley, Hertfordshire.

DECISION

This reference relates to the question of the ownership of land known as The Croft or Church Green, Wymondley, being the land comprised in the Land Section of Register Unit No.C.L.40 in the Register of Common Land maintained by the Hertfordshire 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 Hertford on 17th January 1973.

There was no appearance at the hearing, but by letter dated 5th January 1973, addressed to the Clerk of the Commons Commissioners, Mr.D. Wadsworth, the Clerk to the Wymondley Parish Council, claimed that his Council was the owner of the land in question. This claim he supported by certified copies of a deed of gift dated 7th August 1968, whereby Gerald Maunsel Gamul Wilshere granted the land to the Parish Council, and of the abstract of Mr. Wilshere's title back to 7th July 1928. There being no dispute, I am prepared to accept these copies without the production of the originals.

On this evidence I am satisfied that the Parish Council is the owner of the land, and I shall accordingly direct the Hertfordshire County Council, as registration authority, to register the Wymondley Parish 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 25th day of January 1973

Chief Commons Commissioner