

COMMONS REGISTRATION ACT 1965

Reference No 238/U/24

In the Matter of The Green and Pond, Stoughton, Chichester District, West Sussex

DECISION

This reference relates to the question of the ownership of land known as The Green and Pond, Stoughton, Chichester District, West Sussex being the land comprised in the Land Section of Register Unit No CL. 293 in the Register of Common Land maintained by the West 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 Stoughton Parish Council said (letter dated 14 January 1977 from their clerk) that they know of no one owning the land, the grass there has been cut and kept tidy voluntarily by Village parishioners. No person 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 Chichester on 11 April 1978. There was no appearance at the hearing.

In the absence of any evidence I am not satisfied that any person is the owner of the land, and it will therefore remain subject to protection under section 9 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 185 day of April - 1978

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Commons Commissioner