

COMMONS REGISTRATION ACT 1965

Reference No.38/U/43

In the Matter of Warnham Village Green. Warnham, West Sussex.

DECISION

This reference relates to the question of the ownership of land known as Warnham Village Green, Warnham, being the land comprised in the Land Section of Register Unit No.VG.5 in the Register of Town or Village Greens maintained by the former 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 the Warnham Parish 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 Chichester on 24th July 1974.

At the hearing the Warnham Parish Council was represented by its Clerk, Mr G.T.O. Hobbs.

The land in question was conveyed to the Parish Council by a deed of gift made 5th May 1933 between (1) Charles Eric Lucas (2) the Parish Council. The Parish Council has since been in possession of the land.

On this evidence I am satisfied that the Warnham Parish Council is the owner of the land, and I shall accordingly direct the West Sussex County Council, as registration authority, to register the 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 2 day of

1974

Chief Commons Commissioner