

COMMONS REGISTRATION ACT 1965



Reference No. 260/U/31

In the Matter of Pump Square, Pill,
Easton-in-Gordano, Avon

DECISION

This reference relates to the question of the ownership of land known as Pump Square, Pill, Easton-in-Gordano, being the land comprised in the Land Section of Register Unit No. VG 99 in the Register of Town or Village Greens maintained by the Avon 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 Woodspring District 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 Bath on 12 January 1983.

At the hearing the District Council was represented by Mr P Leach, Solicitor, and the Easton-in-Gordano Parish Council by Mr R S Whiting, Solicitor, one of its members.

The land the subject of the reference consists of two areas, which may conveniently be described as the south-eastern area and the north-western area.

The south-eastern area was conveyed to the former Long Ashton Rural District Council by a Conveyance made 15 September 1958 between (1) The Bristol Brewery Georges and Co Ltd (2) The Rural District Council of Long Ashton.

The southern part of the north-western area was conveyed to the former Rural District Council by a Conveyance made 14 April 1958 between (1) The Bristol Brewery Georges and Co Ltd (2) The Rural District Council of Long Ashton.

The northern part of the north-western area was conveyed to the former Rural District Council by a Conveyance made 5 March 1962 between (1) Geoffrey Collins Ehlers (2) The Rural District Council of Long Ashton.

All the land in question was transferred to the District Council on 1 April 1974 by the Local Government (England) (Property etc.) Order 1973 (S.I. 1973 No. 1861).

On this evidence I am satisfied that the Woodspring District Council is the owner of the land, and I shall accordingly direct the Avon County Council as registration authority, to register the District 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

1983

day of

January

1983

Chief Commons Commissioner