



COMMONS REGISTRATION ACT 1965

Reference No.1/U/25

In the Matter of the Green,
Tebworth, Chalgrave, Luton
R.D., Bedfordshire

DECISION

This reference relates to the question of the ownership of land known as the Green, Tebworth, Chalgrave, Luton Rural District being the land comprised in the Land Section of Register Unit No.C.L.45 in the Register of Common Land maintained by the Bedfordshire 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 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 Bedford on 13 December 1972. The hearing was attended by the Chalgrave Parish Council who were represented by Mr. S. T. Morris Assistant Secretary of the Bedfordshire Parish Councils Association and by the Bedfordshire County Council who were represented by Mr. J. A. Kieran who is one of their staff. Before the hearing the Clerk of the Parish Council had sent a letter dated 11 December 1972 to the Office of the Commons Commissioners with which he enclosed certified extracts from the Minutes of the Council in support of their claim that they are the owners of the Green. Mr. Morris said that he was unable to rely on this letter and these minutes as being enough to satisfy me that the Parish Council were owners. No other evidence was given.

In the absence of any other evidence, I am not satisfied that any person is the owner of the land, and it will therefore be 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 18th day of December 1972.

a. a. Baden Fuller

Commons Commissioner