

COMMONS REGISTRATION ACT 1965

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Reference No. 210/U/67

In the Matter of Fordington Green, Dorchester, Dorset

## DECISION

This reference relates to the question of the ownership of land known as Fordington Green, Dorchester, being the land comprised in the Land Section of Register Unit No. VG 4 in the Register of Town or Village Greens maintained by the Dorset 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 Dorchester Town Council claimed to be the freehold owner of the land in question and Canon E Brooks, 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 Dorchester on 6 March 1980.

At the hearing Mr J W Beavis, the Town Clerk of Dorchester, produced a conveyance of the land in question to the former Dorchester Corporation by a Conveyance made 22 August 1963 between (1) H R H Charles, Prince of Wales, Duke of Cornwall (2) The Mayor, Alderman and Burgesses of the Borough of Dorchester. The land was transferred to the Town Council on 1 April 1974 by the Local Authorities (England) (Property etc) Order 1973.

On this evidence I am satisfied that the Town Council is the owner of the land, and I shall accordingly direct the Dorset County Council, as registration authority, to register the Dorchester Town Council as the owner of the land under section 8(2) of the Act of 1965.

I am required by regulation 50(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

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Chief Cormons Commissioner