



COMMONS REGISTRATION ACT 1965

Reference No. 14/U/32

In the Matter of King George V  
Playing Field, Hook, Hampshire.

DECISION

This reference relates to the question of the ownership of land known as King George V Playing Field, Hook, Hampshire, being the land comprised in the Land Section of Register Unit No.V.G.139 in the Register of Town or Village Greens maintained by the Hampshire 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 Parish Councils of Hook and Newnham claimed to be the joint freehold owners of the land in question and Mr. S.G. Foster, Chairman of the Joint Parish Councils of Hook and Newnham Playing Fields Committee, also gave information as to the joint ownership.

I held a hearing for the purpose of inquiring into the question of the ownership of the land at Winchester on 31st May 1972.

At the hearing Col. J.L. Jock, the Chairman of the Newnham Parish Council, produced a consent by the Minister of Agriculture dated 9th July 1936, given under section 194 of the Law of Property Act 1925, to the inclosure of the land in question for the purposes of a recreation ground and playing field, and a deed of gift, dated 16th November 1936, from Dudley Massey Pigott Carleton Lord Dorchester, to the Parish Council of Hook and the Parish Council of Newnham.

I am accordingly satisfied that the two Parish Councils are the joint owners of the land, and I shall accordingly direct the Hampshire County Council, as registration authority, to register the Parish Councils of Hook and Newnham as the owners of the land.

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 27<sup>th</sup> day of June 1972

Chief Commons Commissioner