COMMONS REGISTRATION ACT
1985

Reference No. 236/U/224

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In the Matter of Hambledon Cricket Green, Hambledon

DECISION

This reference relates to the question of the ownership of land described above being the land comprised in the Land Section of Register Unit No. VG 76 in the Register of Town or Village Greens maintained by the Surrey 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 a claim to ownership of the land in question ('the Unit land') was made by ~~the~~ Trustees of the Unit Land.

I held a hearing for the purpose of inquiring into the question of the ownership of the land at Guildford on 16 January 1985. At the hearing Mr W S Norris, Solicitor, appeared on behalf of the Trustees, and no other claimant was present.

Following the death in 1936 of Mr A H Van Gruisen, his Executor and the beneficiaries under his will conveyed the unit land to Trustees in trust for the maintenance and improvements of the physical well-being and the provision of recreational activities for the inhabitants of Hambledon Parish. In the events that happened and by virtue of various Deeds of Appointment, the last of which is dated 1st May 1979, the present trustees in whom the Unit ~~of~~ land is vested are W B Dean, A E Wieler and A G Blackman.

On the evidence I am satisfied that these Trustees are the owners of the Unit ~~of~~ land, and I shall accordingly direct the Surrey County Council, as registration authority, to register them as the owners 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   20 February   1985

L J Morris Smith

Commons Commissioner