



COMMONS REGISTRATION ACT 1965

Reference No.38/U/52

In the Matter of Jolesfield Recreation Ground,
West Grinstead, West Sussex.

DECISION

This reference relates to the question of the ownership of land known as Jolesfield Recreation Ground, West Grinstead, being the land comprised in the Land Section of Register Unit No.VG.36 in the Register of Town or Village Greens maintained by the former West Sussex 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 West Grinstead Parish 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 Chichester on 24th July 1974.

There was no appearance at the hearing. The Parish Council's claim was stated to be based on the allotment of the land in question in an inclosure award of 1872 to the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the parish of West Grinstead as a recreational allotment for the inhabitants of the parish and neighbourhood. However, in the absence of the award or a certified copy of the relevant portions of it I can only say that I am not satisfied that any person is the owner of the land, and I shall accordingly direct the West Sussex County Council, as registration authority, to register the West Grinstead Parish Council as the owner of the land under section 8(3) 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 1st day of August 1974

Chief Commons Commissioner