



COMMONS REGISTRATION ACT 1965

Reference No.3/U/50

In the Matter of Turville Village  
Green, Turville, Wycombe R.D.,  
Buckinghamshire

DECISION

This reference relates to the question of the ownership of land known as Turville Village Green, Turville, Wycombe Rural District being the land comprised in the Land Section of Register Unit No.VG.23 in the Register of Town or Village Greens maintained by the Buckinghamshire 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, but Turville Parish Council in a letter dated 22 August 1972 gave some information as to the possible ownership of part.

I held a hearing for the purpose of inquiring into the question of the ownership of the land at Aylesbury on 27 November 1973. At the hearing Turville Parish Council were represented by Mr. H. H. J. Button, their clerk.

Mr. Button said (in effect):- The land comprised in this Register Unit consists of three pieces:(i) a turfed central plot, (ii) a turfed strip near the graveyard wall, and (iii) a roughly gravelled parking area between the local public house and School Lane. When registering the land the Parish Council thought they might thereby prevent it becoming derelict. Since the registration, the Village had been designated a Conservation Area. Following a decision by the Parish Council to improve the land by turfing over part of the gravelled area and providing a bus shelter, the Local Brewery had claimed that they were or might be the owners of about 50 square yards of this area on which there had at one time been two small sheds (marked on the Register map). The sheds were demolished about 30 or 40 years ago. He (Mr. Button) thought they had been used by squatters; an old inhabitant had said that a woodman who claimed to own the shed had paid a quit rent to Mrs. Hoare-Nairne. He produced two letters from her son Mr. V. Hoare-Nairne (the Lord of the Manor) in which he said (letter dated 11 November 1967) he was glad that the Village Green at Turville had been registered under the 1965 Act and (letter dated 21 May 1971) he had no record of anyone in Turville paying a quit rent for ground beside Orchard Cottage during the time he had administered the estate.

Mr. Button said that the Parish Council could not offer any evidence of ownership, and submitted that I should give a direction under subsection (3) of section 8 of the 1965 Act. The information given to me by Mr. Button about the sheds as outlined above, is insufficient to enable me to determine the ownership of the site of the sheds. In the absence of any other evidence I am not satisfied that any person is the owner of the land, and I shall accordingly direct the Buckinghamshire County Council, as registration authority, to register Turville 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 10<sup>th</sup> day of January 1974

a. a. Baden Fuller

Commons Commissioner