



In the Matter of Littlebampton Green,  
Kirkbampton, Cumbria

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DECISION

This reference relates to the question of the ownership of land known as Littlebampton Green being the land comprised in the Land Section of Register Unit No. VG 31 in the Register of Town or Village Greens maintained by the former Cumberland 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 Kirkbampton Parish Council claimed to be the freehold owner of the land in question and Mr L D Rainger 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 Cockermouth on 23 May 1979.

The hearing was attended by Mr J Greer of the registration authority, Mr J W Holliday, Chairman of the Parish Council and Mr Rainger.

It appeared that the green has been maintained for some time past by the Parish Council, and Mr Rainger stated that in the early 1960s a notice was put up "No Tipping . By order of the Parish Council", and that in 1973 the County Council, at the request of the Parish Council, filled in the pond, levelled the surface and erected fencing.

On this evidence I am not satisfied that any person is the owner of the land, and I shall accordingly direct the Cumbria County Council, as registration authority, to register the 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

21 August

1979

*L. J. Morris Smith*

Commons Commissioner