



COMMONS REGISTRATION ACT 1965

Reference No. 262/U/97

In the Matter of The Park, Thornhill Village,  
St. John, Beckermets, Cumbria

DECISION

This reference relates to the question of the ownership of the land described above, being the land comprised in the Land Section of Register Unit No. VG.4 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 St. John Beckermets 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 Keswick on 10 October 1979.

At the hearing Mr K Wilson, Chairman of the Parish Council appeared on its behalf. Since about 1920 the land has been used as a playground for children and iron railings have been erected around it. The Parish Council has been tending it for at least 20 years, and has planted trees, and cut the grass and is developing it as a playground. No one has challenged its activities.

On this evidence I am satisfied that St. John Beckermets Parish Council is the owner of the land, and I shall accordingly direct the Cumbria County Council, as registration authority, to register it as the owner of the land 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 this 29 day of October 1979

*L. J. Morris Smith*  
Commons Commissioner