



COMMONS REGISTRATION ACT 1965

Reference No. 9/U/11

In the Matter of The Village GreenBeaford, DevonDECISION

This reference relates to the question of the ownership of land known as The Village Green, Beaford, being the land comprised in the Land Section of Register Unit No. V.Q.11 in the Register of Town or Village Greens maintained by the Devon 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 and no 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 Barnstaple on 28th March 1972.

The land in question is described as "Green" in the Beaford Tithe Apportionment of 1839 and is there stated to have been owned and occupied by Thomas Snell junior. Evidence was given by Mr. Harold Spicer, a resident in the parish, who has known the land since 1930. During that period no successor in title of Thomas Snell has ever claimed rights over the land and the land has only been grazed at the request of the Beaford Parish Council to keep the grass down.

On this evidence I am not satisfied that any person is the owner of the land, and I shall accordingly direct the Devon County Council, as registration authority, to register the Beaford Parish Council as the owner of the land under section 8(3) of the Act.

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 24th day of April 1972

Chief Commons Commissioner