



COMMONS REGISTRATION ACT 1965

Reference No.9/U/37

In the Matter of The Village Green,Bratton Clovelly, Devon.DECISION

This reference relates to the question of the ownership of land known as The Village Green, Bratton Clovelly, being the land comprised in the Land Section of Register Unit No.VG.5 in the Register of Town or Village Greens maintained by the former 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 one 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 Exeter on 14th May 1974.

At the hearing the Bratton Clovelly Parish Council was represented by Mr. C.T.P. Abell, its Clerk. Mr. Abell informed me that he had heard that the land in question had been given to the village by a Mrs. Manning in 1865, but he had no documentary evidence about this.

In the absence of any 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 Bratton Clovelly 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 5th day of June 1974


Chief Commons Commissioner