



In the Matter of Bishopton Village
Green, Bishopton

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 57 in the Register of Town or Village Greens maintained by the Durham 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 Bishopton Parish Council claimed to be the freehold owner of the land in question ("the Unit land") 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 Unit land at Darlington on 23 July 1980.

At the hearing the Parish Council was represented by its Clerk, Mr J Kirkbride.

Mr Kirkbride has been a member of the Parish Council for some 25 years, and its Clerk for 10 years. For over 50 years the Parish Council has maintained the Unit Land and spent money on its upkeep. Although there are no organised activities, it is enjoyed by the local inhabitants.

On this evidence I am satisfied that the Parish Council is the owner of the land, and I shall accordingly direct the Durham County Council, as registration authority, to register the Parish Council 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

4 August

1980

L. J. Morris Smith

Commons Commissioner