



COMMONS REGISTRATION ACT 1965

Reference No. 211/U/53

In the Matter of Hett Village Green, Hett,
Co. Durham

DECISION

This reference relates to the question of the ownership of land known as Hett Village Green, Hett, being the land comprised in the Land Section of Register Unit No. VG.72 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 the Hett 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 Durham on 1 July 1980. At the hearing the Parish Council was represented by Mr P A Broome, Solicitor.

The whole of the land comprised in the Register Unit was conveyed to the Parish Council by a conveyance made 16 October 1954 between (1) The Church Commissioners for England (2) The Parish Council of Hett. This conveyance also included a small area of land on which now stands a social hall. The site of the social hall is excluded from the Register Unit, but when the site of the social hall was conveyed to trustees there was conveyed with it a small part of the land comprised in the Register Unit which has since been used as a car park.

On this evidence I am satisfied that the Parish Council is the owner of the major part of the land and that the trustees of the social hall are the owners of the small part of it used as a car park, and I shall accordingly direct the Durham County Council, as registration authority, to register the Parish Council and the Trustees as the owners of these parts 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

21st

day of

July

1980

Chief Commons Commissioner