

COMMONS REGISTRATION ACT 1965

Reference No.11/U/27

In the Matter of High Coniscliffe Village Green, High Coniscliffe, Darlington D., Durham

DECISION

This reference relates to the question of the ownership of land known as High Coniscliff Village Green, High Coniscliffe, Darlington District being the land comprised in the Land Section of Register Unit No. VG. 15 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 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 Durham on 30 April 1974. At the hearing, High Coniscliffe Parish Council were represented by Mr. M. H. W. Brown, their clerk.

Mr. Brown said that the Parish Council, although they have mown the grass and since 1957 received from the Electricity Board a wayleave rent for a post, could not offer any evidence of ownership.

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 Durham County Council, as registration authority to register High Coniscliffe 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

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a. a. Baden Fuller

Commons Commissioner