



In the Matter of Land adjacent to Ferryhill
Methodist Church, Ferryhill, Sedgfield D

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. CL 69 in the Register of Common Land 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 Ferryhill Town 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 Darlington on 24 July 1980. At the hearing Mrs J Crowden, Solicitor, appeared on behalf of Ferryhill Town Council, which is the successor to Ferryhill Parish Council, on whose application the registration was made. The land has been maintained for some 18 years by the Councils, and this has involved expenditure on grassing, planting and the erection of a small fence around the land. It is not used for any specific purpose but is an environmental asset.

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

12 August

1980

L. J. Morris Smith
Commons Commissioner