



In the Matter of Mordon Village Green,
Sedgefield 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. VG 92 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 Mordon Parish Meeting 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 the Claimants. Evidence was given by Mr A Stewart, who had lived in Mordon for 16 years and had known the Green for over 30 years, and by Mr G H Young who had lived in Mordon for 37 years. The Green had in their time always been maintained by the voluntary work of the parishioners and was used for the benefit of the village, for children's sports and for annual functions.

On this evidence I am satisfied that the Claimants are the owners of the land, and I shall accordingly direct the Durham County Council, as registration authority, to register the Mordon Parish Trustees as the owners 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