



COMMONS REGISTRATION ACT 1965

Reference No. 211/U/77

In the Matter of Sadberge Village
Green, Sadberge

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 69 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 Sadberge 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 Darlington on 23 July 1980.

At the hearing Mrs B Cuthbertson, a member of the Parish Council, appeared on its behalf. It appeared from a letter dated 30 April 1959 from the Church Commissioners that in 1959 there were conveyed to the Parish Council the estate and interest of the Commissioners in the village green and other open spaces in the Parish, and with the letter was a copy of a draft Conveyance. The actual Conveyance was not however, produced and I am therefore not satisfied that the Parish Council, or any other person, is the owner of the land.

I shall accordingly direct the Durham County Council, as registration authority, to register Sadberge 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

4 August

1980

L. J. Morris Smith

Commons Commissioner