



COMMONS REGISTRATION ACT 1965

Reference No. 273/U/6

In the Matter of Whitson Green,
Goldcliffe, Newport D

DECISION

This reference relates to the question of the ownership of land known as Whitson Green, Goldcliffe, Newport D being the land comprised in the Land Section of Register Unit No. VG. 20 in the Register of Town or Village Greens maintained by the former Monmouthshire 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 Goldcliffe and Whitson Community 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 Newport on 16th March 1976.

Mr Greenhalgh, chairman of the Goldcliffe and Whitson Community Council, appeared and produced a copy extract from an Inclosure Award dated 13 April 1870 whereby a parcel of land was allotted to the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Parish of Whitson for recreational purposes but he was unable to identify that parcel of land. However Mr Greenhalgh told me that he had known the land in question for 40 years and he produced a lease dated 9 October 1922 whereby the Churchwardens and Overseers had leased part of the land in question for a term of 999 years for the erection of a village hall which has in fact been erected and he further stated that throughout living memory the Parish had received rent (currently £10 p.a.) for grazing on the green and that the green had regularly been used for the holding of village sports.

On this evidence I am satisfied that Goldcliffe and Whitson Community Council is the owner of the land, and I shall accordingly direct the Gwent County Council, as registration authority, to register Goldcliffe and Whitson Community 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 this 24th day of March.

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C. A. Selby

Commons Commissioner