



In the Matter of The Village Green,  
Bempton,  
Humberside.

## DECISION

This reference relates to the question of the ownership of land known as The Village Green, Bempton, being the land comprised in the Land Section of Register Unit No. VG 27 in the Register of Town or Village Greens maintained by the former East Riding 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 Mr W H Dowell 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 Hull on 22 March 1977.

At the hearing the Bempton Parish Council was represented by Mrs O R Hood, its Clerk. Mr Dowell was not present or represented, but on 8 February 1977 he sent to the Clerk of the Commons Commissioners a letter stating that he wished to withdraw his claim.

Mrs Hood told me that the Parish Council had carried out improvements to the land in question. In 1968 it had fenced the land and cleaned the pond and in 1973 had planted daffodil bulbs.

This would be insufficient to establish a possessory title, so I can only say that I am not satisfied that any person is the owner of the land, and I shall accordingly direct the Humberside County Council, as registration authority, to register the Bempton 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

30<sup>th</sup>

day of

March

1977

Chief Commons Commissioner