



COMMONS REGISTRATION ACT 1965

Reference No 20/U/67

In the Matter of Newburgh
Village Green, West Lancashire
District, Lancashire

DECISION

This reference relates to the question of the ownership of land known as Newburgh Village Green, West Lancashire District 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 Lancashire 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 no person claimed to be the freehold owner of the land in question and no 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 Preston on 9 May 1978. At the hearing West Lancashire District Council were represented by Mr J F Molloy legal executive in their Solicitor and Chief Legal Officer's Department.

Mr Molloy said that his Council could offer no evidence of ownership. In the absence of any evidence I am not satisfied that any person is the owner of the land, and I shall accordingly direct the Lancashire County Council, as registration authority, to register West Lancashire District 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 17th day of May —

1978

a. a. *Baden Fuller*

Commons Commissioner