



COMMONS REGISTRATION ACT 1965

Reference No 21/U/56

In the Matter of The Playing Field east
of Leicester Road, Blaby Parish, Blaby
District, Leicestershire

DECISION

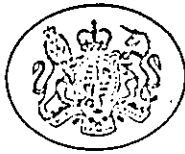
This reference relates to the question of the ownership of land known as The Playing Field (containing about 6.79 acres) east of Leicester Road, Blaby Parish, Blaby District being the land comprised in the Land Section of Register Unit No CL. 8 in the Register of Common Land maintained by the Leicestershire 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 the Clerk of Blaby Parish Council said (in effect) that he had the deeds for this land which would prove ownership by his Council, and the Clerk of Blaby Rural District Council said that to the best of his knowledge the land is owned by Blaby Parish Council. No other person claimed to be the freehold owner of the land in question or 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 Leicester on 20 July 1976. At the hearing Blaby Parish Council were represented by Mr Cecil H Ward their clerk.

Mr Ward who was born in the Parish in 1905, has lived there ever since and has been clerk of the Parish Council for the last 39 years in the course of his evidence produced (1) a conveyance dated 8 October 1934 by which the land then used as a meadow and known as "Northfield" containing about 6 acres 2 roods and bounded on the west by the Leicester to Lutterworth road and on the north by property of the London Midland & Scottish Railway Company was conveyed to the Parish Council, and (2) a copy of Byelaws made on 9 May 1972 by the Parish Council under section 8(1)(d) of the Local Government Act 1894 and confirmed on 18 September 1972 by a Secretary of State. Mr Ward described the land comprised in this Register Unit, and identified it with the land by the 1934 conveyance expressed to be conveyed; it is now known as the Leicester Road Playing Field. As such the Parish Council have maintained it ever since the conveyance; it is regulated by the Byelaws. On it stand the HM George VI Coronation Village Memorial Clock and the Village War (1939-45) Memorial. There is a football pitch used by the local Football Club; also a rest ground for old people, a children's play area, and various other recreational facilities used by the inhabitants.

On the evidence summarised above I am satisfied that the Parish Council are the owners of the land, and I shall accordingly direct the Leicestershire County Council as registration authority to register Blaby Parish Council 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 this 4th — day of August — 1976

a. a. Baden Fuller

Commons Commissioner