



COMMONS REGISTRATION ACT 1965

Reference No 30/U/9

In the Matter of the Square, Langham  
Oakham R.D., Rutland

DECISION

This reference relates to the question of the ownership of land known as the Square (at the corner of School Lane and Church Street) Langham, Oakham Rural District being the land comprised in the Land Section of Register Unit No VG.17 in the Register of Town or Village Greens maintained by the Rutland 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 Oakham on 8 May 1973. The hearing was attended by the Oakham Rural District Council who were represented by Mr R L Francis their clerk and by Langham Parish Council who were also represented by Mr Francis.

Mr Francis said:- About 7 or 8 years ago inquiries were made as to the ownership of the land because it was being used as a dump, but no owner was found. Since then the Parish Council have kept the land tidy with the help of Mr Mills a local resident. The land is now grass. The Parish Council applied for its registration as a town or village green so as to keep it as open ground and prevent it being used irregularly as a car park; as sometimes happens because visitors to the nearby Noel Arms Public House fail to use the car park space elsewhere provided for them.

In the absence of evidence of ownership I am not satisfied that any person is the owner of the land, and I shall accordingly direct the Rutland County Council, as registration authority, to register Langham 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 17<sup>th</sup> day of May 1973

a. a. Bain Fulle

Commons Commissioner