



In the Matter of the Village Green at
Exton, Oakham R.D., Rutland

DECISION

This reference relates to the question of the ownership of land known as the Village Green at Exton adjoining Stamford Road, New Field Road and the boundary of No 38 New Field Road, Oakham Rural District, being the land comprised in the Land Section of Register Unit No VG.10 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 Oakham Rural District Council who were represented by Mr R L Francis their clerk.

Mr Francis said that his Council could offer no evidence of ownership.

Mr Edward Hudson said: He was born in the Village of Exton, and had lived at No 122 The Green (now No 11 High Street) for 28 years (until about 9 years ago); he knew the land well. It is a small piece of grass land (in the Register it is said to extend to approximately 500 square yards) with some trees (very mature) on it. It has never been fenced since he has known it; children play on it. He would support a direction being made vesting the land in the Parish Council.

In the absence of any evidence as to 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 Exton 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 21st day of May 1973

a. a. Baden Fuller