



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

DECISION

This reference relates to the question of the ownership of land known as the Village Green at Market Overton, Oakham Rural District being the land comprised in the Land Section of Register Unit No VG.31 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 he had been asked by Mr V C Walker, who is the clerk of Market Overton Parish Council, to tell me that his Council would support a direction in their favour under subsection (3) of section 8 of the Act of 1965, that his Council at present maintain the land (it is grass land; on it there are trees which they wish to preserve, and a set of old stocks which they look after), but that his Council could offer no evidence of ownership.

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 Market Overton Parish Council as the owner of the land under section 3(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. Baden Fuller

Commons Commissioner