



In the Matter of Greenhow Village Green,  
Bewerley, North Yorkshire.

DECISION

This reference relates to the question of the ownership of land known as Greenhow Village Green, Bewerley, being the land comprised in the Land Section of Register Unit No. VG 104 in the Register of Town or Village Greens maintained by the former West Riding of Yorkshire 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 one 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 Harrogate on 11 May 1977.

At the hearing the Bewerley Parish Council was represented by Mr D M Marshall, its Clerk.

The land the subject of the reference was set out, allotted and awarded by the Bewerley Moor and Hardcastle Moor Inclosure Award made 31 March 1858 under the Acts for the Inclosure, Exchange and Improvement of Land to the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the township of Bewerley to be held in trust as a place for exercise and recreation for the inhabitants of the township and neighbourhood. The land was transferred to the Parish Council by sections 6(1) (c) (iii) and 67 of the Local Government Act 1894.

On this evidence I am satisfied that the Bewerley Parish Council is the owner of the land, and I shall accordingly direct the North Yorkshire County Council, as registration authority, to register the Parish Council as the owner 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 30th day of May 1977

Chief Commons Commissioner