



COMMONS REGISTRATION ACT 1965

Reference No: 268/U/300

In the Matter of the village green,
Crayke, Hambleton District, North
Yorkshire

DECISION

This reference relates to the question of the ownership of land known as the village green, Crayke, Hambleton District being the land comprised in the Land Section of Register Unit No. VG195 in the Register of Town or Village Greens maintained by the North Yorkshire (formerly West Riding) 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 Northallerton on 18 April 1985. At the hearing Crayke Parish Council were represented by Mrs H Slater their clerk.

The land in this Register Unit comprises numerous pieces of grass land in the middle of the village, all from the main road through the village by the Durham Ox sloping upwards towards the Parish Church and Churchyard. When I saw it (17 April) there were growing on these pieces numerous flowering daffodils; so the land appeared beautiful, and a valuable amenity for those who lived nearby and for others in the village going there.

Mrs Slater said that the Parish Council could offer no evidence of ownership, and submitted that I should therefore under section 8(3) of the Commons Registration Act 1965 direct that the Parish Council be registered as the owner. In the absence of any evidence I am not satisfied that any person is the owner of the land, and I shall accordingly direct the North Yorkshire County Council, as registration authority, to register Crayke Parish Council as the owner of the land under said section 8(3).

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 April — 1985

A. A. Baden Fuller

COMMONS COMMISSIONER

