



In the Matter of The Village Green, Pickhill,
North Yorkshire.

DECISION

This reference relates to the question of the ownership of land known as The Village Green, Pickhill, being the land comprised in the Land Section of Register Unit No. VG 78 in the Register of Town or Village Greens maintained by the former North 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 the Chairman of the Pickhill Parish Meeting claimed on behalf of the Parish Meeting to be the freehold owner of the land in question and no other 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 Northallerton on 9 March 1977.

Mr D E Davies, the Chairman of the Parish Meeting, appeared at the hearing, but he had no evidence as to the ownership of the land in question.

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 the Hambleton District 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 17th day of May 1977

Chief Commons Commissioner