



COMMONS REGISTRATION ACT 1965

Reference No. 226/U/102

In the Matter of Land at Badby,
Northamptonshire

DECISION

This reference relates to the question of the ownership of the land described above being the land comprised in the Land Section of Register Unit No. VG 110 in the Register of Town or Village Greens maintained by the Northamptonshire 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 Badby Parish Council claimed 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 Northampton on 12 December 1979.

At the hearing, the Parish Council was represented by its vice-chairman, Mr J Warr. He gave evidence to the effect that for some 25 years the Parish Council has maintained this land, and has been responsible for mowing the grass and planting trees. Local inhabitants graze goats and play games on it and village fairs are held there. During the seven years he has been a member of the Council, no one has claimed the land or objected to the Parish Council's activities in regard to it.

On this evidence I am satisfied that the Parish Council is the owner of the land, and I shall accordingly direct the Northamptonshire County Council, as registration authority, to register Badby Parish Council as the owner of the land under section 9(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

9 January

1980

L. J. Morris Smith

Commons Commissioner