



COMMONS REGISTRATION ACT 1965

Reference No.26/U/1

In the Matter of the Village
Green, Gretton, Kettering R.D.,
Northamptonshire

DECISION

This reference relates to the question of the ownership of land known as the Village Green, Gretton, Kettering Rural District being the land comprised in the Land Section of Register Unit No.VG.1 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 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 Northampton on 26 June 1973. The hearing was attended by Gretton Parish Council ("the Council") who were represented by Mr. A. G. W. Boon their clerk.

Mr. Boon who is now aged 54 years, was born in Gretton and been clerk of the Council since 1949 gave evidence. He produced an indenture dated 20 February 1924 by which the Earl of Winchilsea and Nottingham with the concurrence of his Trustees for the nominal sum of ten shillings conveyed to the Council land containing an area of .130 acre, known as Gretton Green and delineated on the plan drawn thereon and the Council covenanted (in effect) not to use the land otherwise than as a Village Green or Playground and to use their best endeavours to preserve the Stocks thereon. Mr. Boon identified the land comprised in this Register Unit with that delineated on the plan drawn on the indenture. The land is grass land having on it a War Memorial (First and Second War), Village Stocks and Whipping Post. It is maintained by the Council being kept in reasonable condition by cutting the grass, perhaps a dozen times a year, and repairing the retaining walls round it.

On the above evidence I am satisfied that the Council is the owner of the land, and I shall accordingly direct the Northamptonshire County Council, as registration authority, to register Gretton Parish Council as the owner of the land under section 3(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

9/10

day of

July

1973.

a. a. Baden Fuller

Commons Commissioner