



COMMONS REGISTRATION ACT 1965

Reference No 27/U/18

In the Matter of The Village Green,
Whittingham, Alnwick District,
Northumberland

DECISION

This reference relates to the question of the ownership of land known as The Village Green, Whittingham, Alnwick District being the land comprised in the Land Section of Register Unit No VG. 12 in the Register of Town or Village Greens maintained by the Northumberland 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 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 Alnwick on 21 June 1977. There was no appearance at the hearing.

After the hearing I inspected the land. It is a small piece of grass land with five trees; there is a fountain erected by Henry Thomas Baron Ravensworth 1865 inscribed:-

"May this pure fount perpetual streams supply
To every thirsty soul that passeth by
And may its chrystal waters ever run
Unchanged by winter frost and summer sun."

At one end there is a seat in memory of Robert Arthur 7th Baron Ravensworth, 4 August 1950, and a stone enclosed flower bed. Although the appearance of the land suggests the possible ownership of Lord Ravensworth or of someone connected with him, in the absence of any evidence I am not satisfied that any person is the owner.

Accordingly I shall direct the Northumberland County Council, as registration authority, to register Whittingham Parish 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 27/6 day of June

1977

a. a. Baden Fuller

Commons Commissioner