



COMMONS REGISTRATION ACT 1965

Reference No.27/U/10

In the Matter of Towhouse Village
Green, Henshaw, Northumberland

DECISION

This reference relates to the question of the ownership of land known as Towhouse Village Green, Henshaw, being the land comprised in the Land Section of Register Unit No.VG.25 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 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 Hexham on 18th July 1973.

At the hearing the Henshaw Parish Council was represented by Mr. D. Reay, its Chairman.

The land the subject of this reference appears on the Map referred to in the Inclosure Award, dated 9th November 1787, made under the Henshaw and Melkeridge Inclosure Act of 1783 (23 Geo. III, c. 16 (private)) without any legend and appears not to have been allotted for any purpose. It has for many years been maintained by the Parish Council. Mr. Reay said that the Council could make out no title to the land and asked me to give a direction under section 3(3) of the Act of 1965.

Since I am not satisfied that any person is the owner of the land, I shall accordingly direct the Northumberland County Council, as registration authority, to register the Henshaw Parish Council as the owner of the land under section 3(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 10th day of September 1973.


Chief Commons Commissioner