



COMMONS REGISTRATION ACT 1965

Reference No. 32/U/53

In the Matter of Halse Village Green, Halse,
Taunton Deane District, Somerset.

DECISION.

This reference relates to the question of the ownership of land known as Halse Village Green, Halse, Taunton Deane District, being the land comprised in the Land Section of Register Unit No. VG. 69 in the Register of Town or Village Greens maintained by the Somerset 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 Taunton on 3 June 1975.

Halse Parish Council were represented by their Chairman - Colonel C.E. Rushbridge.

Colonel Rushbridge said (in effect):- The land is a small triangle, each side being about 20 yards. So far as the Council knows it has always been called the Village Green. Recently the Parish Council have with the co-operation of the County Highway Department put a kerb round it, filled in with topsoil, grassed it over, put a seat on it and planted a tree.

After some discussion as to whether I should deal with this matter under sub-section (2) or subsection (3) of section 8 of the Act of 1965, Colonel Rushbridge agreed I should proceed under subsection (3) and accordingly the Council offered no evidence of ownership.

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 Somerset County Council



as registration authority, to register Halse 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 10th day of June 1975.

A. A. Baden Fuller

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COMMONS COMMISSIONER.