



COMMONS REGISTRATION ACT 1965

Reference No 233/U/94

In the Matter of Chapel Street
Recreation Ground, Norton Canes,
Cannock Chase District, Staffordshire

DECISION

This reference relates to the question of the ownership of land known as Chapel Street Recreation Ground, Norton Canes, Cannock Chase District being the land comprised in the Land Section of Register Unit No VG. 3 in the Register of Town or Village Greens maintained by the Staffordshire 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 Lichfield on 14 December 1977. At the hearing Cannock Chase District Council were represented by Mrs H L M Jones, solicitor of their Secretary's Department.

After some discussion as to the possible applicability of the Norton Canes Inclosure Award dated 2 June 1870, Mrs Jones said that the Council could offer 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 Staffordshire County 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 21st day of December

1977

a. a. Baden Fuller

Commons Commissioner