



In the Matter of Chorlton Village Green,  
Chapel Chorlton, Staffordshire

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DECISION

This reference relates to the question of the ownership of land known as Chorlton Village Green, Chapel Chorlton being the land comprised in the Land Section of Register Unit No. VG 17 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 Chorlton Parish Council 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 Hanley, Stoke on Trent on 12 January 1979.

At the hearing the Parish Council was represented by Mr Jackson, Solicitor; no one else appeared. The Parish Council claimed ownership and evidence was given by Mrs Nesta Hassell, the Clerk of the Parish Council. As appears from the Council Minute Book the Parish Council has from 1973 onwards paid to have the grass cut and to keep the Village seat in repair, and has cleared away litter: no one has objected to its work.

On this evidence I am not satisfied that any person is the owner of the land, and I shall accordingly direct the Staffordshire County Council, as registration authority, to register Chorlton Parish Council as the owner of the land under section 8(3) of the Act of 1965.

I am required by regulation 31(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 15<sup>th</sup> day of February 1979

*L. J. Morris Smith*

Commons Commissioner