



COMMONS REGISTRATION ACT 1965

Reference No 233/U/85

In the Matter of the Village Green,
The Butts, Wall, Lichfield District,
Staffordshire

DECISION

This reference relates to the question of the ownership of land known as the Village Green, The Butts, Wall, Lichfield District being the land comprised in the Land Section of Register Unit No VG. 19 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 13 December 1977. The hearing was attended by Mr W J Ryman of Manor Farm, Wall.

Mr Ryman said (in effect):- Although he is a member of the Parish Council, he was not representing them at the hearing; his concern was as owner of the adjoining land on the north and west. After looking at my copy of the Register map, he accepted that none of his land had been included in the registration. The registered land is a small piece on the north side of the road, formerly the A5, which runs through the Village. The A5 Bypass of the Village starts a short distance to the west of the registered land. At a short distance to the east are the remains of the Roman buildings of Letocetum. He on some points amplified the information set out in a letter dated 9 February 1977 from the Clerk of the Parish Council to the Clerk of the Commons Commissioners that the Department of the Environment are planning toilet facilities on the Letocetum site, but this is dependent upon Lichfield District Council building a car park, and as to this no work can be undertaken until the matter of the Village Green is settled. He 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 Staffordshire County Council, as registration authority, to register Wall 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 20th day of December 1977

C. A. Boden Fuller

Commons Commissioner