



COMMONS REGISTRATION ACT 1965

Reference No. 233/U/103

In the Matter of the Village Green situate in  
the Parish of Grindon, Staffordshire

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DECISION

This reference relates to the question of the ownership of land known as The Village Green, Grindon being the land comprised in the Land Section of Register Unit No. VG 29 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 Grindon 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 Stoke-on-Trent on 14 October 1980.

Mr E P Downing, the immediate past chairman, appeared on behalf of the Grindon Parish Council. He admitted that the Council had no documents of title and his evidence fell far short of what is required to establish a possessory title.

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 Grindon 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

5<sup>th</sup> 1980

day of

November

1980

Commons Commissioner