



In the Matter of The Village Green, Thorpe Thewles,
Grindon, Cleveland.

DECISION

This reference relates to the question of the ownership of land known as The Village Green, Thorpe Thewles, Grindon, being the land comprised in the Land Section of Register Unit No. VG 55 in the Register of Town or Village Greens maintained by the Cleveland 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 one 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 Whitby on 25 May 1977.

At the hearing the Grindon Parish Council was represented by Mr P G Maclaren, its Chairman.

Mr Maclaren informed me that the Parish Council had looked after this land and had put seats on it and planted trees in it. While these acts, if sufficiently long continued, might constitute possession of the land whereby the Parish Council could acquire a possessory title, since the land is registered as a town or village green it seems more satisfactory to say that I am not satisfied that any person is the owner of the land, and accordingly direct the Cleveland County Council, as registration authority, to register the 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 21st day of June 1977

CHIEF COMMONS COMMISSIONER