



COMMONS REGISTRATION ACT 1965

Reference No 209/U/20

In the Matter of the Village Green,
Ide, Teignbridge District, Devon

DECISION

This reference relates to the question of the ownership of land known as the Village Green, Ide, Teignbridge District, Devon being the land comprised in the Land Section of Register Unit No VG. 87 in the Register of Town or Village Greens maintained by the Devon 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 Teignbridge District Council claimed that they are the owners of the land in question as successors of St Thomas Rural District Council who acquired the land under a conveyance dated 17 August 1949 and made by the Church Commissioners for England. No other person claimed to be the freehold owner of the land or 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 Exeter on 17 November 1977. At the hearing Teignbridge District Council were represented by Mr S B Rollinson a solicitor with the Council, and Ide Parish Council were represented by Mr H G Suthers. Present also was Mr J H Voysey, another member of the Parish Council.

Mr Rollinson in the course of his evidence produced the said 1949 conveyance. He said that part of the land thereby conveyed (at the west end) had in 1962 been sold off, and identified the remainder with the Unit Land.

Mr Suthers said (in effect):- The Village Green is used by the children of the Village; there are in one corner some swings, provided some years ago by St Thomas Rural District Council; and also a set of home made goal posts. On occasions Church Fetes have been held on the Village Green. It is cut regularly by the District Council.

On the evidence summarised above, I am satisfied that the District Council are the owners of the land, and I shall accordingly direct the Devon County Council, as registration authority, to register Teignbridge District Council as the owners of the land under section 8(2) 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 9th day of December _____ 1977

C. A. Borden Fuller

Commons Commissioner