



In the Matter of The Village Green, Hutton Cranswick,
Humberside

DECISION

This reference relates to the question of the ownership of land known as The Village Green, Hutton Cranswick, being the land comprised in the Land Section of Register Unit No. VG 18 in the Register of Town or Village Greens maintained by the former East Riding 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 Hull on 22 March 1977.

At the hearing the Hutton Cranswick Parish Council was represented by its Clerk, Mr J. W. D. Richardson.

During the last half-century the Parish Council has done many things on this land to which the true owner could have been expected to object. In 1920 it placed four seats on the land and has renewed them from time to time. It has planted about a dozen trees and has placed eight or nine pieces of playground equipment on the land. It has put a concrete path with ornaments round a pond on the land and, as Mr Richardson put it, altered its looks. In short, the Parish Council has treated the land as if it owned it without any objection from anybody claiming to be the true owner. This is sufficient to give it a possessory title.

On this evidence I am satisfied that the Hutton Cranswick Parish Council is the owner of the land, and I shall accordingly direct the Humberside County Council, as registration authority, to register the Parish Council as the owner 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 26th day of April 1977


Chief Commons Commissioner