



In the Matter of Washingborough Village Green,
Washingborough, Lincolnshire.

DECISION

This reference relates to the question of the ownership of land known as Washingborough Village Green, Washingborough, 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 Lincolnshire 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 the Washingborough 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 Lincoln on 8 July 1981.

At the hearing the Parish Council was represented by Mr W Simpson, the Chairman of its Planning Committee.

In March 1968 the Parish Council built small retaining walls round the land in question. The walls have since been maintained without any objection from anyone claiming to be the owner of the land. It therefore appears that the Parish Council has acquired a possessory title to the land.

On this evidence I am satisfied that the Parish Council is the owner of the land, and I shall accordingly direct the Lincolnshire County Council, as registration authority, to register the Parish Council as the owner of the land under section 3(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

25th

day of

July

1981

George

Chief Commons Commissioner