

In the Matter of The Village Green, Aldborough St John, North Yorkshire.

DECISION

This reference relates to the question of the ownership of land known as The Village Green, Aldborough St John, being the land comprised in the Land Section of Register Unit No. VG 26 in the Register of Town or Village Greens maintained by the former North Riding of Yorkshire 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 Aldborough St John 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 Richmond on 20 July 1977.

At the hearing the Parish Council was represented by Mr T Fenwick, its Chairman.

The Parish Council has been in receipt of rents and profits from the land in questice for many years. It used to charge for grazing cattle on the land until such grazing ceased after the introduction of tuberculin-testing. Rents are still collected from football and cricket clubs, and acknowledgement payments are received from persons who have been allowed to fence in parts of the land as additions to their gardens.

On this evidence I am satisfied that the Parish Council is the owner of the land, and I shall accordingly direct the North Yorkshire 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 Sta day of Therest 1977

Chief Commons Commissioner