



COMMONS REGISTRATION ACT 1965

Reference No 268/U/221

In the Matter of The Village Green,  
Great Busby, Hambleton District, North  
Yorkshire

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DECISION

This reference relates to the question of the ownership of land known as The Village Green, Great Busby, Hambleton District being the land comprised in the Land Section of Register Unit No VG. 99 in the Register of Town or Village Greens maintained by the North 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 no person claimed to be the freehold owner of the land in question and no 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 Northallerton on 22 February 1978. The hearing was attended by Mr George William Martin on whose application the registration was made and who was then and still is chairman of Great Busby Parish Meeting.

Mr Martin said (In effect):- The Parish Meeting Minute book shows that sometime ago the Meeting arranged for a tree to be planted and a seat placed on the land. The parish was very scattered, but the land had (he thought at least since 1894) always been looked after by some inhabitants; in the minute book it was always described as a village green.

In the absence of any evidence of ownership I am not satisfied that any person is the owner of the land, and I shall accordingly direct the North Yorkshire County Council, as registration authority, to register Hambleton District 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 28th day of February — 1978

*a. a. Boden Fuller*

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Commons Commissioner

