



COMMONS REGISTRATION ACT 1965

Reference No 268/U/92

In the Matter of The Village
Green, Scorton, Richmondshire
District, North Yorkshire

DECISION

This reference relates to the question of the ownership of part of the land known as The Village Green, Scorton, Richmondshire District being the part of the land comprised in the Land Section of Register Unit No VG. 8 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 the Trustees of Kiplin Hall as successors of Miss B E Talbot, as Lord of the Manor of Scorton (by their agents) in March 1974 claimed ownership and in June 1974 withdrew their claim having concluded after taking legal advice that they could offer no concrete evidence. No other person claimed to be the freehold owner of the land in question 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 Richmond on 8 February 1977. At the hearing Scorton Parish Council were represented by Mr T Hughes their vice chairman.

Mr Hughes who has been a member for 7 years and lived in the Parish since 1949 described the land comprised in this Register Unit: there are a number of pieces in the middle of the Village: the largest is walled up and contains (according to the Register map) about 2 acres: to the east of this there is a smaller triangular piece of which the Parish Council are now the registered owners: there are about six other pieces adjoining. He said that some time ago the Parish Council were paying 5/- per annum to Miss Talbot (as above stated her successors make no claim): they could offer no evidence of ownership.

In the absence of any evidence I am not satisfied that any person is the owner of the land, and I shall accordingly direct North Yorkshire County Council, as registration authority, to register Scorton Parish 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 15th — day of February

1977

A. A. Baden Fuller

Commons Commissioner

