

COMMONS REGISTRATION ACT 1965

Reference 27/U/26

In the Matter of East Ord Village Green, Ord, Berwick-upon-Tweed D., Northumberland

DECISION

This reference relates to the question of the ownership of land in seven pieces known as East Ord Village Green, Ord, Berwick-upon-Tweed District (formerly Norham and Islandshires Rural District) being the land comprised in the Land Section of Register Unit No. VG. 2 in the Register of Town or Village Greens maintained by the Northumberland 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 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 Berwick-upon-Tweed on the 9 July 1974. At the hearing, Ord Parish Council were represented by Mr. G. Morton, their clerk.

Mr. Morton said (in effect):- The land is grass land surrounded by, and more or less in the centre of, the Village. He had seen the Tithe map (held by the Vicar of Tweedmouth: the village is in the Tweedmouth parish): the land is not numbered on the map and is treated in the Tithe Award as not tithable. The Parish Council 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 the Northumberland County Council, as registration authority, to register Ord 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 boint of law may, within six 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

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1974.

COMMONS COMMISSIONER

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