



COMMONS REGISTRATION ACT 1965

Reference No. 27/U/13

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

DECISION

This reference relates to the question of the ownership of land known as Ford Village Green, Ford, Berwick-upon-Tweed District (formerly Glendale Rural District), being the land comprised in the Land Section of Register Unit No. VG. 22 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, Solicitors acting for Lord Joicey who had in a letter dated 20 October 1972 said he might be the freehold owner of the land in question, in a letter dated 9 November 1972, formally withdrew his claim to ownership explaining that his Agent, having ascertained that in an inclosure award dated 30 July 1867, it was declared that the plot of common land on Hay Farm should be allotted unto the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of Ford, it seems reasonable to assume that Lord Joicey had no interest in the land. No other person claimed to be the freehold owner of the land 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-on-Tweed on 9 July 1974. No person attended the hearing.

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 Ford 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 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 15th day of July 1974

A. A. Baden Fuller

COMMONS COMMISSIONER