



COMMONS REGISTRATION ACT 1965

Reference No 27/U/12

In the Matter of the Green, Berwick Hill,
Ponteland, Castle Ward R.D., Northumberland

DECISION

This reference relates to the question of the ownership of land known as the Green, Berwick Hill, Ponteland, Castle Ward Rural District being the land comprised in the Land Section of Register Unit No VG.23 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 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 Newcastle upon Tyne on 3 April 1973. The hearing was attended by the Ponteland Parish Council who were represented by Mr. W.K. Haggie solicitor of Messrs Anderson & Haggie Solicitors of Newcastle upon Tyne.

Mr Haggie said that the Parish Council considered that the land had always been a village green, but they could offer no evidence as to its 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 Ponteland Parish Council as the owner of the land under section 3(1) 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

11th

day of

April

1973

a. a. Baden Fuller

Commons Commissioner