



In the Matter of The Park Village Pleasure Ground
near Park Wood, Featherstone, Northumberland.

DECISION

This reference relates to the question of the ownership of land known as The Park Village Recreation Ground, near Park Wood, Featherstone, being the land comprised in the Land Section of Register Unit No. VG 52 in the Register of Town or Village Greens maintained by the former 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 one 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 Hexham on 27 October 1981.

At the hearing the National Trust was represented by Mr T Stafford, its regional land agent.

The land in question was conveyed to the National Trust by a conveyance made 12 March 1976 between (1) Barclays Bank Trust Company Ltd and Victor Montgomery Cannon Brookes (2) The National Trust for Places of Historic Interest or Natural Beauty. There was a good root of title in an indenture made 11 November 1898 between (1) Walter Henry, Baron Northbourne (2) John McClare Clark (3) Daniel Jackson.

On this evidence I am satisfied that the National Trust is the owner of the land, and I shall accordingly direct the Northumberland County Council, as registration authority, to register the National Trust as the owner of the land under section 8(2) 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

13th

day of

November

1981

Chief Commons Commissioner