



In the Matter of The Village Green, Bilbrook,  
Wrottesley, Staffordshire.

DECISION

This reference relates to the question of the ownership of land known as The Village Green, Bilbrook, Wrottesley, being the land comprised in the Land Section of Register Unit No. VG 15 in the Register of Town or Village Greens maintained by the Staffordshire 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 Stafford on 17 July 1979. At the hearing, the South Staffordshire District Council was represented by Mr J Jose, its Deputy Clerk and the Wrottesley Parish Council by Mr L Goodfellow, its Chairman.

The land the subject of the reference is regulated by a scheme made under the Commons Act 1899 in 1961 by the former Seisdon Rural District Council. The management of the land is vested by the scheme in the District Council as successor to the former Rural District Council.

The land is bounded on the northern, southern, and eastern sides by a post and ornamental chain fence. It is grassed over and the grass is regularly cut by employees of the District Council.

I am not satisfied on this evidence that any person is the owner of the land. Since the powers of management under the scheme have not been delegated to the Wrottesley Parish Council, I shall direct the Staffordshire County Council, as registration authority, to register the District Council as the owner of the land under section 8(3), (5)(c) 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

27<sup>th</sup>

day of

July

1979

Chief Commons Commissioner