



In the Matter of Ryhope Village Green,
Sunderland B

DECISION

This reference relates to the question of the ownership of land described above being ~~the part~~ of the land comprised in the Land Section of Register Unit No. VG.5 in the Register of Town or Village Greens maintained by the former County Borough of Sunderland 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 ("the unit 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 unit land at Newcastle upon Tyne on 20 October 1983. At the hearing Sunderland Metropolitan Borough Council ("Sunderland") was represented by Mr C G Langley, Solicitor. Part of the unit land was comprised in a Conveyance dated 20 April 1981 by Robert Maddison & Ryhope Parish Council, of which Sunderland is the successor authority, ^{now} there being no Parish Council. As to the part of the unit land not included in the Conveyance, in the absence of any evidence I am not satisfied that any person is the owner. The overall result is that the part comprised in the Conveyance falls to be registered in Sunderland's ownership under section 8 (2) of the Act of 1965 and the remaining part also as so registered under section 8 (3).

I shall accordingly direct the Tyne and Wear County Council, as registration authority, to register Sunderland as the owner of the unit land.

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

30 January

1984

L. J. Morris Smith

COMMONS COMMISSIONER