



COMMONS REGISTRATION ACT 1965

Reference Nos 209/U/10  
209/U/11

In the Matter of (1) Marchants  
Cross Green, and (2) Meavy Green,  
Burrator, West Devon District,  
Devon-

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DECISION

These references relate to the question of the ownership of land known as (1) Marchants Cross Green and (2) Meavy Green, Burrator, West Devon District being the land comprised in the Land Section of Register Unit (1) No VG. 72 and (2) No VG. 73 in the Register of Town or Village Greens maintained by the Devon 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 these references no person claimed to be the freehold owner of the lands in question and no person claimed to have information as to their ownership.

I held a hearing for the purpose of inquiring into the question of the ownership of the lands at Exeter on 16 November 1977. At the hearing Burrator Parish Council (being the Council of the grouped Parishes of Walkhampton, Meavy and Keepstor) were represented by Mr D Walker one of their members.

Mr Walker said (in effect):- The VG. 72 land is some distance from Meavy Village; it provides access to an ancient ford across the River Meavy; it is in a natural state being soulder strewn; it is used by heavy vehicles who wish to avoid crossing the River by the high Meavy (stone) Bridge. The VG. 73 land (a triangular piece in the centre of the Village of Meavy near St Peter's Church) is edged by granite stone; it includes the Village War Memorial and a very ancient oak. Of neither of the lands could the Parish Council offer any evidence of legal ownership, and he was agreeable that I should proceed under subsection (3) of section 6 of the Act of 1965.

In the absence of any evidence I am not satisfied that any person is the owner of the lands, and I shall accordingly direct the Devon County Council, as registration authority, to register Burrator Parish Council as the owner of the lands under section 8(3) of the said Act.

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 9<sup>th</sup> day of December —

1977

*a. a. Burtin*

Commons Commissioner