



COMMONS REGISTRATION ACT 1965

Reference No. 211/U/46

In the Matter of Cornforth Village Green,  
Cornforth

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DECISION

This reference relates to the question of the ownership of the land described above being the land comprised in the Land Section of Register Unit No. VG 110 in the Register of Town or Village Greens maintained by the Durham 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 Cornforth Parish Council claimed to be the freehold owner of the land in question ("the Unit land") and no other 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 Unit land at Darlington on 24 July 1980. Mrs J Crowden, Solicitor, appeared on behalf of the Parish Council.

Two Conveyances were produced, the first dated 31 May 1963 whereby the Church Commissioners conveyed to the Parish Council, the Village Green as shown on the plan, and the second dated 7 April 1964 whereby a piece of land surrounded by the Village Green with the School Building thereon, not included in the 1963 Conveyance, was conveyed to the Parish Council by the Durham Diocesan Board of Finance.

On this evidence I am satisfied that the Parish Council is the owner of the Unit land, and I shall accordingly direct the Durham County Council, as registration authority, to register the Parish Council 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 15 September 1980

*L. J. Morris Smith*

Commons Commissioner