



COMMONS REGISTRATION ACT 1965

Reference No.27/U/17

In the Matter of Prestwick
Village Green, Ponteland,
Northumberland

DECISION

This reference relates to the question of the ownership of land known as Prestwick Village Green, Ponteland being the land comprised in the Land Section of Register Unit No.VG13 in the Register of Town or Village Greens maintained by the 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 Brigadier G. C. Mitford claimed to be the freehold owner of the land in question and no other person claimed to have information as to its ownership.

Mr. Commissioner Baden Fuller held a hearing for the purpose of inquiring into the question of the ownership of the land at Newcastle upon Tyne on 3rd April 1973. This matter was then adjourned by agreement so that Brigadier Mitford could endeavour to obtain evidence to prove his claim. I held a further hearing at Hexham on 17th July 1973. On this occasion Mr. W. K. Haggie, Solicitor, appeared for the Ponteland Parish Council, but there was no appearance by or on behalf of Brigadier Mitford.

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

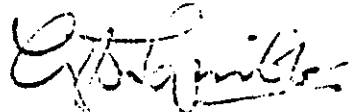
Dated this

12th

day of

September

1973.


Chief Commons Commissioner