



COMMONS REGISTRATION ACT 1965

Reference No.27/U/68

In the Matter of School Common,
Acomb, Northumberland.

DECISION

This reference relates to the question of the ownership of land known as School Common, Acomb, being the land comprised in the Land Section of Register Unit No.C.L.7 in the Register of Common Land 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 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 Hexham on 17th July 1973.

At the hearing the Acomb Parish Council was represented by Mr.G.E.Rutherford, one of its members. Mr.Rutherford informed me that the land the subject of the reference was used by the children attending the nearby school and that part of it was used for the parking of lorries, but that the Parish Council had never taken any action in respect of the land.

In the absence of any evidence that the Parish Council has acquired a possessory title I am not satisfied that any person is the owner of the land and it will therefore be subject to protection under section 9 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 31st day of July 1973

Chief Commons Commissioner