



COMMONS REGISTRATION ACT 1965

Reference No. 262/U/75

In the Matter of Smithy Hill, Central Road,  
Dearham, Cumbria

DECISION

This reference relates to the question of the ownership of land known as Smithy Hill, being the land comprised in the Land Section of Register Unit No. VG.18 in the Register of Town or Village Greens maintained by the former Cumberland 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 Cockermouth on 24 May 1979. There was no appearance at the hearing, other than Mr J Greer of the registration authority.

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 Cumbria County Council, as registration authority, to register Dearham Parish Council as the owner of the land under section 3 (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 21<sup>st</sup> day of August 1979

*L. J. Mann Smith*

Commons Commissioners.