



COMMONS REGISTRATION ACT
1965

Reference No. 220/U/32

In the Matter of land forming part of Copster
Green Common, Salesbury, Lancashire

DECISION

This reference relates to the question of the ownership of land known as part of Copster Green Common Salesbury Lancashire being the land comprised in the Land Section of Register Unit No. CL.81 in the Register of Common Land maintained by the Lancashire 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 Mrs Ann Thompson and Mr Harry Hargreaves claimed to be the freehold owners of the land in question 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 land at Preston on 17th June 1987.

Lancashire County Council (the registration authority) appeared by Mrs S Cunliffe, its registration officer. Mrs Thompson and Mr Hargreaves were represented by Mrs S J Booth, Solicitor, of Messrs. Steele and Son, Clitheroe.

Mr Booth produced:-

- (i) a Conveyance dated 15th August 1958 between (1) Hopwood Brothers Limited and (2) Stanley Hargreaves
- (ii) a Deed of Gift dated 3rd June 1986 between (1) Stanley Hargreaves and (2) Ann Thompson and Harry Hargreaves.

Each of these comprised Salesbury Hall Farm and the Manor House known as Salesbury Hall. The parcels thirdly described in each deed were the Manor or Lordship or reputed Manor or Lordship of Salesbury otherwise Salisbury with Dinkley in the County of Lancaster.

He also produced a copy of a Scheme for the management of Salesbury and Copster Green Commons under the Commons Management Act, 1899 made on 20th February 1954.

I pointed out that it was one thing to show title to the ownership of the Manor of Salesbury, and another to show that the unit land was part of that Manor. Mr Booth asked for time to enable him to endeavour to do this.



By letter dated 10th July 1987 addressed to the Commons Commissioners Steele & Son wrote that their clients had decided not to pursue their claim to the unit land.

In the absence of any further evidence I am not satisfied that any person is the owner of the land, and it will therefore remain 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 6th day of August 1987

Mati Rott

Commons Commissioner