



COMMONS REGISTRATION ACT 1965

Reference No. 220/U/21

In the Matter of Worston Village
Green or The Bull Ring, Worston,
Ribble Valley Borough, Lancashire

DECISION

This reference relates to the question of the ownership of land known as Worston Village Green or The Bull Ring, Worston, Ribble Valley Borough being the land comprised in the Land Section of Register Unit No. VG43 in the Register of Town or Village Greens 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 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 Burnley on 8 April 1986. At the hearing Lancashire County Council as registration authority was represented by Mrs S M Cunliffe, a chief executive of their legal department; otherwise there was no appearance at the hearing.

Mrs Cunliffe commended the land and confirmed (as seen likely from the papers on my file) that there was for Worston a parish meeting but no parish council. On the day after the hearing I walked over the land; it is conveniently accessible from the main Worston Street, and provides a pleasant surrounding for a footpath between its east and west end running parallel to this street; it is I would think of some value as a local amenity. In the absence of any evidence of ownership I am not satisfied that any person is the owner of the land and I shall accordingly direct the Lancashire County Council, as registration authority, to register Ribble Valley Borough 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 24th

day of May 1986.

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Commons Commissioner