



COMMONS REGISTRATION ACT 1965

Reference No. 268/U/286

In the Matter of a piece of land known as  
Gordale Scar, Halham,

DECISION

This reference relates to the question of the ownership of land above described being the land comprised in the Land Section of Register Unit No. VG.144 in the Register of Town or Village Greens maintained by the North Yorkshire 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 Mr Frank Sharp claimed to be the freehold owner 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 Skipton on 11 May 1983.

Mr H Hawks (Clerk) appeared on behalf of Malham Parish Meeting but made no claim to ownership of the land. Mr Sharp did not appear and was not represented and has subsequently withdrawn his claim.

In the absence of any evidence I am not satisfied that any person is the owner of land, and I shall accordingly direct the North Yorkshire County Council, as registration authority, to register Craven District 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 5<sup>th</sup> day of July 1983

*Comp H. Metts*  
 Commons Commissioner