



COMMONS REGISTRATION ACT 1965

Reference No.45/U/213

In the Matter of Alley Beck Playing Fields,
Tockwith, North Yorkshire.

DECISION

This reference relates to the question of the ownership of land known as Alley Beck Playing Fields, Tockwith, being the land comprised in the Land Section of Register Unit No.V.G.186 in the Register of Town or Village Greens maintained by the former West Riding of 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 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 Harrogate on 26th March 1974.

At the hearing the Tockwith Parish Council was represented by Mr.J.W. Watts, its Acting Chairman.

More than 12 years ago the Parish Council erected swings and roundabouts on this land and has since maintained them without objection from any quarter.

On this evidence, I am satisfied that the Parish Council has acquired a possessory title to the land, and I shall accordingly direct the North Yorkshire County Council, as registration authority, to register the Tockwith Parish Council as the owner of the land under section 8(2) 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 April 1974

Chief Commons Commissioner