



COMMONS REGISTRATION ACT 1965

Reference No.45/U/83

In the Matter of Donkey Hill, Grassington Bridge,
Grassington, Yorkshire (West Riding)

DECISION

This reference relates to the question of the ownership of land known as Donkey Hill, Grassington Bridge, Grassington, being the land comprised in the Land Section of Register Unit No.V.G.37 in the Register of Town or Village Greens maintained by the 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 Skipton on 20th June 1973.

At the hearing the Grassington Parish Council was represented by Mr. O.P. Jaques, one of its members. Mr. Jaques informed me that the Parish Council mow the grass on this land, keep a seat on it, and planted some trees on it at the time of Queen Victoria's Diamond Jubilee. I did not, however, regard it as necessary to go into this aspect of the matter in detail, since it cannot in the circumstances of this case affect the ultimate destination of the land in question. I shall therefore direct the West Riding of Yorkshire County Council, as registration authority, to register the Grassington Parish 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 9th day of July 1973


Chief Commons Commissioner