



In the Matter of Hoodstorth Bridge,  
Thruscross, North Yorkshire.

DECISION

This reference relates to the question of the ownership of land known as Hoodstorth Bridge Thruscross being the land comprised in the Land Section of Register Unit No. CL 611 in the Register of Common Land 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 the former Leeds Corporation 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 Harrogate on 11 May 1977.

At the hearing the Thruscross Parish Meeting was represented by Mr G B Deacon.

Mr Deacon said that this land had always been looked on as parish land and that he had never heard of anyone claiming to own it. It is now used as a place for picnics and the Parish Meeting has tried to keep it in good repair.

This evidence is insufficient to support a claim to a possessory title by the Parish Trustees.

In the absence of any other 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

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day of May 1977

Chief Commons Commissioner