



COMMONS REGISTRATION ACT 1965

Reference No. 45/6/15

In the Matter of Stocks Green,
Menwith with Darley, Ripon and
Pateley Bridge R.D., Yorkshire

DECISION

This reference relates to the question of the ownership of land known as Stocks Green. Menwith with Darley, Ripon and Pateley Bridge Rural District, being the land comprised in the Land Section of Register Unit No. V.G.34 in the Register of Town or Village Greens maintained by the West Riding 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 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 Wakefield on 17th May 1972.

Mrs. J. Chapman, clerk of the Menwith with Darley Parish Council told me that the land was in the middle of the Village and from the beginning of the records of the Council it appears to have been regarded as "public common land". However the Council had no title deeds and could give no evidence about its ownership. No other person attended and I had therefore no evidence.

For these reasons I am not satisfied that any person is the owner of the land, and I shall accordingly direct the West Riding County Council, as registration authority, to register Menwith with Darley Parish Council as the owner of the land pursuant to section 8(3) of the Act.

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.

a. a. Baden Fuller

Dated this 12th day of ~~May~~^{June} 1972

Commons Commissioner