



COMMONS REGISTRATION ACT 1965

Reference No.45/U/54

In the Matter of The Green, Settle,
Yorkshire, (West Riding).

DECISION

This reference relates to the question of the ownership of land known as The Green, Settle, being the land comprised in the Land Section of Register Unit No.V.G.80 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 the Settle Parish Council 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 22nd June 1973.

At the hearing the Parish Council was represented by Mr. D.M. Jordan, solicitor, who produced an indenture made 17th November 1922 between (1) Victor Christian William, Duke of Devonshire, and (2) the Parish Council, and a deed of rectification made 12th November 1965 between (1) Mary Alice, Duchess of Devonshire, and (2) the Parish Council. The combined effect of these deeds was to convey to the Parish Council the whole of the land the subject of this reference.

For these reasons I am satisfied that the Settle Parish Council is the owner of the land, and I shall accordingly direct the West Riding of Yorkshire County Council, as registration authority, to register the Parish Council as the owner of the land under section 3(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 9th day of July 1973

Chief Commons Commissioner