



COMMONS REGISTRATION ACT 1965

Reference No. 268/U/17

In the Matter of The Pinfold,
Gillamoor, North Yorkshire.

DECISION

This reference relates to the question of the ownership of land known as The Pinfold, Gillamoor, being the land comprised in the Land Section of Register Unit No. CL 223 in the Register of Common Land maintained by the former North 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 the Gillamoor Parish Meeting 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 Malton on 11th February 1975.

At the hearing the Parish Meeting was represented by Mr J. Capron, a retired solicitor and a resident in the parish. Mr A. Jackson, the Chairman of the Parish Meeting, informed me that he believed that the land in question formerly belonged to the Earl of Feversham, who owned most or all of the land in the parish until he sold it in 1916. The land in question was excluded from the sale. It has not been used as a pinfold for many years. All that is known of its recent history is that the Parish Meeting has from time to time paid for the cutting of the weeds growing on it, but no use has been made of it by anybody.

On this 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 3rd day of March 1975

Chief Commons Commissioner

