



COMMONS REGISTRATION ACT 1965

Reference No.45/U/24

In the Matter of The Pinfold, Staveley,
Nidderdale R.D., Yorkshire, West Riding

DECISION

This reference relates to the question of the ownership of land known as The Pinfold, Staveley, Nidderdale Rural District being the land comprised in the Land Section of Register Unit No.VG.61 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 Harrogate on 31 October 1973. At the hearing Staveley Parish Council was represented by Mr.D.G.Pae their clerk.

Mr. Pae said:- On the land near its north end is a stone built circular wall said to be about 150 years old, known as The Pinfold: the rest of land is ground open to the adjoining road. The Parish Council would like to keep the land tidy and regulate its use: the various ways of doing this were under discussion. The Parish Council could offer no evidence of ownership.

In the absence of any evidence 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 Staveley 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 November 1973

a. a. Baden Fuller,

Commons Commissioner