



COMMONS REGISTRATION ACT 1965

Reference No.268/U/47

In the Matter of The Village Green,
Lockton, North Yorkshire

DECISION

This reference relates to the question of the ownership of land known as The Village Green, Lockton, being the land comprised in the Land Section of Register Unit No.VG.145 in the Register of Town or Village Greens maintained by the former North 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 no person claimed to be the freehold owner of the land in question and no one 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 Whitby on 5th June 1975.

At the hearing the Lockton Parish Council was represented by its Chairman, Mr.G.Wellburn. The Parish Council has paid for cutting the grass on the land in question for "quite a number of years". I find myself unable to regard this as possession adverse to the true owner, who may have been well satisfied to have the land kept in order at no cost to himself.

On this evidence I am not satisfied that any person is the owner of the land, and I shall accordingly direct the North Yorkshire County Council, as registration authority, to register the Lockton 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

26th

day of

June

1975


Chief Commons Commissioner