



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

DECISION

This reference relates to the question of the ownership of land known as The Village Green, Skelton, being the land comprised in the Land Section of Register Unit No. VG 88 in the Register of Town or Village Greens 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 Skelton 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 Malton on 12 October 1977.

At the hearing the Parish Council was represented by Mr E Green, its Clerk.

The Parish Council has paid for the upkeep and maintenance of this land since 1901. In particular, it has maintained seats on it and has pruned and planted trees and shrubs. On 16 March 1925 the Council granted to the City of York Electrical Engineer leave to erect a pole to support an electric cable, and when the cable was placed underground a few years ago the Council gave permission for that.

On this evidence I am satisfied that the Parish Council is the owner of the land, and I shall accordingly direct the North Yorkshire County Council, as registration authority, to register the Skelton Parish Council as the owner of the land under section 8(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 31st day of October 1977

Chief Commons Commissioner