



In the Matter of Top Green, Hovingham,
North Yorkshire

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DECISION

This reference relates to the question of the ownership of land known as Top Green, Hovingham, being the land comprised in the Land Section of Register Unit No. VG 79 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 Hovingham 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 13 October 1977.

At the hearing the Parish Council was represented by Mr S Garbutt, its Clerk.

The land the subject of the reference was conveyed to the Parish Council by a Conveyance made 24 June 1953 between (1) William Marcus John Worsley (2) Hovingham Parish Council.

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 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 3rd day of October 1977

Chief Commons Commissioner