



COMMONS REGISTRATION ACT 1965

Reference No 268/J/222

In the Matter of West Green, Stokesley,  
Hambleton District, North Yorkshire

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DECISION

This reference relates to the question of the ownership of land known as West Green, Stokesley, Hambleton District being the land comprised in the Land Section of Register Unit No VG. 31 in the Register of Town or Village Greens maintained by the North 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 Stokesley Parish Council (letter dated 26 April 1974) claimed ownership of the land (Low Green or West Green) on the grounds that the Parish Council has undertaken supervision and control of it for a number of years. No other person claimed to be the freehold owner of the land in question or 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 Northallerton on 22 February 1978. At the hearing Stokesley Parish Council were represented by Mrs B Breen their clerk.

Mrs Breen said that the Parish Council 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 North Yorkshire County Council, as registration authority, to register Stokesley 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 28th day of February 1978

a a Breda Fuller

Commons Commissioner