

Reference No. 270/U/32

In the Matter of Old Town Green, Wadsworth, West Yorkshire.

DECISION

This reference relates to the question of the ownership of the land described above being the land comprised in the Land Section of Register Unit No.VG. 20 in the Register of Town or Village Greens maintained by the West Yorkshire Metropolitan 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 Wadsworth 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 Wakefield on 8 May 1985.

Mr J.C. Atack clerk to the Wadsworth Parish Council, appeared at the hearing and produced a conveyance dated 22 January 1940 whereby Baron Kinnaird and Robert George Hogarth granted by way of gift to the Parish Council of Wadsworth the whole of the land contained in this unit in fee simple for use for the purpose of recreation pursuant to the Open Spaces Act 1906.

On this evidence I am satisfied that Wadsworth Parish Council is the owner of the land, and I shall accordingly direct the West Yorkshire Metropolitan County Council, as registration authority, to register Wadsworth 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

27 Jun

1985

Commons Commissioner