



COMMONS REGISTRATION ACT 1965

Reference No. 45/G/324

In the Matter of West Stones Keighley,
Bradford City Council

DECISION

This reference relates to the question of the ownership of land known as West Stones Keighley Bradford City Council being the land comprised in the Land Section of Register Unit No. CL.180 in the Register of Common Land maintained by the former West 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 Mr J Holmes claimed to be the freehold owner of part 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 Bradford on 25 January 1978. Mr Holmes appeared in person and he claimed, if I correctly understood him to be the owner of part of the land in question on the footing that the land had been divided among six commoners entitled to grazing rights on adjoining land. In support of this claim he produced two maps one of which did have marked on it divisions of the land numbered to accord with six properties noted in the margin. Mr. Holmes was unable to tell me when or by whom the said maps were prepared or for what purpose they were prepared. He did not produce the conveyance to him of his land or any recent documents of title. The documents which Mr Holmes did produce were quite inadequate to establish any title to any part of the land in question. On this evidence I am not satisfied that any person is the owner of the land, and it will therefore remain subject to protection under section 9 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

23rd

day of March

1978

Y A Settle

Commons Commissioner