



COMMONS REGISTRATION ACT 1965

Reference No. 268/U/173

In the Matter of Bell Park, Sheep Fold, Sheep
Wash, and Scar Wood, Melmerby

DECISION

This reference relates to the question of the ownership of land above mentioned being the land comprised in the Land Section of Register Unit No. CL 200 in the Register of Common Land 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 Melmerby Parish Meeting 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 Northallerton on 10 May 1983.

Mr K Styan, Chairman, appeared for Melmerby Parish Meeting and produced minutes which in my view proved that the Parish Meeting had for over 12 years received rent for Bell Park and Scar Wood and had maintained the other two pieces of land.

On this evidence I am satisfied that Melmerby Parish Meeting is the owner of the land, and I shall accordingly direct the North Yorkshire County 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 .

day of

1983

Commons Commissioner

