



COMMONS REGISTRATION ACT 1965

Reference No. 45/U/312

In the Matter of Waste Land on side of  
Beck and Road, Long Preston

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. CL 250 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 Long Preston Parish Council claimed to be the freehold owner of the land in question ("the Unit land") 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 Skipton on 7 October 1980.

At the hearing the Council was represented by its Chairman, Mr O Walton. Mr Walton referred to Parish Council minutes of 5 July 1937, which contained a reference to the sale to the County Council of a portion of a plot of land on the north side of the Keighley Kendal Road, which I understood was believed to be adjacent or near to the Unit land. During the last three years walls on sections of the Unit land have been maintained by the Council.

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. *5 November* 1980

*L. J. Morris Smith*

Commons Commissioner