



COMMONS REGISTRATION ACT 1965

Reference No.45/U/243

In the Matter of The Forde, Aberford and  
Lotherton - C<sup>um</sup>-Aberford Leeds City Council

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DECISION

This reference relates to the question of the ownership of land known as The Forde Aberford and Lotherton C<sup>um</sup> Aberford being the land comprised in the Land Section of Register Unit No.CL.471 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 Aberford and Lotherton C<sup>um</sup> Aberford Parish Councils claimed to be the freehold owners 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 24 January 1978.

Mr F H Watson the Chairman of the Aberford Parish Council and Mr L Cockrem the Clerk to the Aberford and the Lotherton C<sup>um</sup> Aberford Parish Councils appeared.

They told me that a footbridge had been built over the river and that the Aberford playing field association had for a period made a playing field on the Aberford part of the land. The association I was told ceased to operate for lack of funds and its activities were insufficient to establish a possessory title.

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 8<sup>th</sup> day of May

1978

Commons Commissioner