



COMMONS REGISTRATION ACT 1965

Reference No. 208/U/81

In the Matter of Grindsbrook Booth,  
Edale

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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 32 in the Register of Common Land maintained by the Derbyshire 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 no person claimed to be the freehold owner of the land in question and no one 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 Matlock on 8 May 1980.

At the hearing Edale Parish Council was represented by its Chairman, Mr R R Townsend and claimed ownership. Mr Townsend has been a member of the Parish Council since 1969 and its chairman for 4 years.

The Parish Council has since the land was registered in 1968 kept it tidy and mown, though the mowing is done by the villagers voluntarily. Stones have been put round the two small western edges. Children play and people picnic on the land.

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

25<sup>th</sup> June

1980

*L. J. Morris Smith*

Commons Commissioner