

COMMONS REGISTRATION ACT 1965

Reference No. 260/U/45

In the Matter of The Washingpool, Olveston, Avon

DECISION

This reference relates to the question of the ownership of land known as The Washingpool, Olveston, being the land comprised in the Land Section of Register Unit No. CL 198 in the Register of Common Land maintained by the Avon 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 A Northover 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 Bath on 13 January 1983.

At the hearing the Olveston Parish Council was represented by Mr M C D Kirby, Solicitor. There was no appearance by or on behalf of Mr Northover.

It is stated in the minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council held on 14 June 1973 that the lord of the manor had enclosed common land to make the pool, which is used for washing sheep and carts. There was, however, no evidence as to who was the owner of the land or ci the identity of the lord of the manor.

In the absence of any further 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

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Chief Commons Commissioner