



COMMONS REGISTRATION ACT 1965

Reference No.1/U/47

In the Matter of Pulloxhill Pond and adjoining Land,  
Pulloxhill, Bedfordshire.

DECISION

This reference relates to the question of the ownership of land known as Pulloxhill Pond and adjoining land, Pulloxhill, being the land comprised in the Land Section of Register Unit No.C.L.1 in the Register of Common Land maintained by the Bedfordshire 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 Bedford on 14th February 1974.

At the hearing Mr. S.T. Morris, the Assistant Secretary of the Bedfordshire Association of Parish Councils, appeared for the Pulloxhill Parish Council.

Despite its name, the land the subject of this reference is no longer a pond. The pond dried up many years ago and about 1962 the Parish Council decided to make it tidy. The Council put in land drains and purchased soil to fill in the site of the pond. The land has since been levelled and sown with grass seed. The Parish Council has cut the grass and placed a seat on the land. All this has been done without objection from anybody.

On this evidence I am satisfied that the Parish Council is the owner of the land, and I shall accordingly direct the Bedfordshire County Council, as registration authority, to register the Pulloxhill Parish 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 7th day of March 1974

  
Chief Commons Commissioner