



In the Matter of Black Pond, Brightwalton
Berkshire

DECISION

This reference relates to the question of the ownership of land known as Black Pond, Brightwalton being the land comprised in the Land Section of Register Unit No CL 158 in the Register of Common Land maintained by the Berkshire 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 the Personal Representatives of Col. M L Wroughton, deceased, and Mr P L Wroughton 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 Newbury on 2 February 1978.

There was no appearance at the hearing, but before the hearing solicitors acting on behalf of both claimants informed the Clerk of the Commons Commissioners that the claims were withdrawn.

In the absence of any 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 22nd day of February 1978

CHIEF COMMONS COMMISSIONER