In the Matter of The Mors, Middlebere, Slepe, Arme and Gold Point Heaths, Arme and Church Knowle, Dorset (No. 1)

DECISION

These disputes relate to the registration at Entry No. 88 in the Land section of Register Unit No. CL 88 in the Register of Common Land maintained by the Dorset County Council and are occasioned by Objection No. 4 made by Mr D E Scott and noted in the Register on 14 October 1969 and Objection No. 183 made by Mr N R C Smith, Objection No. 428 made by Mr H J R Bankes, Objection No. 453 made by the Clerk of the former Dorset County Council, and Objection No. 864 made by Pike Bros, Fayle & Co. Ltd, and all noted in the Register on 13 May 1971.

I held a hearing for the purpose of inquiring into the dispute at Dorchester on 22 April 1982. The hearing was attended by Mr N Cake, the Chairman of the Commons Sub-Committee of the Arne Parish Council, the applicant for the registration, Mr E O Palmer, solicitor, on behalf of the personal representatives of the late Mr H J R Bankes, and Mr L Holly of the Dorset County Council Solicitor' Department, and I gave leave for The Oakley Jones Co Ltd, the successors in title of Mr Scott, to be represented by their land agent, Mr J A K Curtis. There was no appearance on behalf of the Ramblers' Association, whose application was noted under section 4(4) of the Commons Registration Act 1965, or by or on behalf of either of the applicants for registrations in the Rights section of the Register Unit.

I was informed that it had been agreed that the registration at Entry No. 2 in the Rights section of the Register Unit should be confirmed with a modification and that the registration in the Land section should only be confirmed in so far as it related to the land the subject of the registration at Entry No. 2 in the Rights section.

In these circumstances I confirm the registration with the following modification; namely, the exclusion of all the land other than that coloured pink on the exploration at Entry No. 2 in the Rights section of the Register Unit.

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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