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In the Matter of The Old Gravel Pit, Icomb, Gloucestershire.

DECISION

This reference relates to the question of the ownership of land known as The Old Gravel Pit, Icomb, being the land comprised in the Land Section of Register Unit No. CL 182 in the Register of Common Land maintained by the former Gloucestershire 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 W J Palmer, the Chairman of the Icomb Parish Meeting, claimed that the land in question "belonged to the village" 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 Gloucester on 10 February 1977.

There was no appearance at the hearing.

In the absence of any evidence I am not satisfied that any person is the owner of the land and it will therefore be 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 5 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 2612 day of March 1977

Chief Commons Commissioner