

In the Matter of A Copse to the North of

Creyke Beck Power Station, Skidby, Humberside

Decision

This reference relates to the question of the ownership of copse to the north of Creyke Beck Power Station, Skidby, being the land comprised in the Land Section of Register Unit No. CL 71 in the Register of Common Land maintained by the Humberside 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 Skidby Parish Council 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 Beverley on 1 April 1980.

At the hearing Mr T Wright, Solicitor, appeared on behalf of the Parish Council and Mr G Morris, Solicitor, on behalf of Mr W Hagues.

Mr Wright informed me that he had no evidence as to the ownership of the land in question.

The is OS No. 485a and it is bounded on the south by OS No. 485. An area of land including OS No. 485 was conveyed to Mr Hagues by a conveyance made 17 September 1946 between (1) Ella Annetta Leyman and Cecil Vivian Westlake (2) Walter Hagues. It is not clear from the plan attached to this conveyance whether the premises conveyed included OS No. 485a. However, the only means of access to OS No. 485a is through OS No. 485, and Mr Hagues has used it for disposing of his tomato plants since 1946 without anyone contesting his right to do so.

On this evidence I am satisfied that Mr Hagues is the owner of the land, and I shall accordingly direct the Humberside County Council, as registration authority, to register him 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

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day of

May

1980

Chief Commons Commissioner