



COMMONS REGISTRATION ACT 1965

Reference No. 264/U/15

In the Matter of Slough, Mere, Owston Ferry,  
Humberside

DECISION

This reference relates to the question of the ownership of the land described above being the land comprised in the Land Section of Register Unit No. CL.15 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 West Butterwick 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 Brigg on 23 October 1979. At the hearing, Mr C L Stevenson, Solicitor, appeared on behalf of the Parish Council. Evidence was given by Mr John H Cockin, a member of the Parish Council since 1970 and Mr Albert Threadgold a member of the Parish Council who has been a Councillor for long periods going back earlier than 1970. In the Tithe Schedule of 1851, the land, then called Old Sheep Street Mere, was shown as owned by Butterwick Town. The name changed first to Sloop Mere, and then to its present name of Slough Mere. The Parish Books show that rent for the land has been paid to and received by the Parish Council from 1896 to the present time, and the land is cultivated by the tenant as part of his other farm land.

On this evidence I am satisfied that The West Butterwick Parish Council is the owner of the land, and I shall accordingly direct the Humberside County Council, as registration authority, to register the 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 31 October 1979

*L J Morris Smith*  
Commons Commissioner