



COMMONS REGISTRATION ACT 1965

Reference No 30/U/8

In the Matter of the Sheep-dyke, Cottesmore,  
Oakham R.D., Rutland

DECISION

This reference relates to the question of the ownership of land known as the Sheep-dyke, situated in Mill Lane, Cottesmore, Oakham Rural District being the land comprised in the Land Section of Register Unit No VG.15 in the Register of Town or Village Greens maintained by the Rutland 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 no person claimed to be the freehold owner of the land in question and no 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 Oakham on 8 May 1973. The hearing was attended by Oakham Rural District Council who were represented by Mr R L Francis, their clerk.

Mr Francis said:- On the land there used to be a sheepdyke: a brick built chamber in which sheep were washed. About 10 years ago, the Parish Council arranged for this to be filled in and for the land to be grassed over and planted with trees. Since then the Parish Council have looked after the land. They cannot offer any evidence of ownership.

In the absence of evidence I am not satisfied that any person is the owner of the land, and I shall accordingly direct the Rutland County Council, as registration authority, to register Cottesmore Parish Council as the owner of the land under section 8(3) 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 21<sup>st</sup> day of May 1973

a. a. Basten Jullien

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Commons Commissioner