



COMMONS REGISTRATION ACT 1965

Reference No. 225/U/12

In the Matter of Surveyor's Pit, Roughton,
North Norfolk District, Norfolk.

DECISION.

This reference relates to the question of the ownership of land known as Surveyor's Pit, Roughton, North Norfolk District, being the land comprised in the Land Section of Register Unit No. CL.89 in the Register of Common Land maintained by the Norfolk 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 Roughton 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 Norwich on 15th July 1975. At the hearing Roughton Parish Council were represented by Mr. F.P. Keysell, their vicechairman.

Mr. Keysell said (in effect):- The application for registration was made by Mr. A.W. Deekins on behalf of the Parish Council: he had since died and the Council does not know why the land is called Surveyor's Pit; it is not mentioned in the 1868 Inclosure Award dealing with the near by land. The above mentioned ownership claim by the Parish Council was made because it was themistakenly thought that the land was included in a letting made by the Parish Council of adjoining land. The Parish Council have not over the land in question exercised any acts of ownership and can offer no evidence about its ownership.

In the absence of any evidence I am not satisfied that any person is the owner of the land and it will therefore remain 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 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 23rd — day of July 1975
a. a. Baden Fuller
Commons Commissioner.