



COMMONS REGISTRATION ACT 1965

Reference No. 25/U/79

In the Matter of The Saltings, West Walton,
West Norfolk District, Norfolk.

DECISION

This reference relates to the question of the ownership of land known as The Saltings, West Walton, West Walton District being the land comprised in the Land Section of Register Unit No. CL.160 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 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 Kings Lynn on 25 November 1975. At the hearing, Norfolk County Council were represented by Mr A C Painter Chartered Surveyor of the County Valuers and Estates Office.

Mr Painter said (in effect):- The land is a strip on the east bank of the River Bure, part of which floods at high tide. The County Council own Grange Farm and as such owners are entitled to graze cattle over the land (such grazing right is registered in the Rights Section). The County Council's only interest in the land is as landlords of the Farm. They can offer no evidence of 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 2nd day of December 1975

a. a. Bode Filer

Commons Commissioner