COMMONS REGISTRATION ACT 1965



Reference No. 225/U/137

In the Matter of Wheatacre Parish Pit, Wheatacre, Norfolk

DECISION:

This reference relates to the question of the ownership of land known as Wheatacre Parish Pit, Wheatacre, being the land comprised in the Land Section of Register Unit No. CL 438 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, but the former Chairman of Wheatacre Parish Meeting claimed to have information as to its ownership.

Mr Commissioner Morris Smith held a hearing for the purpose of inquiring into the question of the ownership of the land at Norwich on 16 March 1981, and he gave a decision stating that he was not satisfied that any person was the owner of the land. On 23 October 1981 the learned Commissioner decided to grant a request by the former Chairman of the Parish Meeting to re-open the hearing.

I re-opened the hearing at Norwich on 8 March 1983.

There was no appearance on behalf of the Wheatacre Parish Meeting.

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

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1983

Chief Commons Commissioner