



In the Matter of Poors Close, Cropwell Bishop,  
Nottinghamshire

DECISION

This reference relates to the question of the ownership of land known as Poors Close, Cropwell Bishop, being the land comprised in the Land Section of Register Unit No CL.85 in the Register of Common Land maintained by the Nottingham 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 one 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 Nottingham on 23 January 1985. At the hearing the Cropwell Butler Parish Council was represented by Mr R Barratt, its Chairman.

Although the land in question is shown on the Ordnance Survey Map as being in the Parish of Cropwell Bishop, Mr Barratt told me that in 1802 it was awarded to Cropwell Butler by the Cropwell Bishop Inclosure Award made under the Cropwell Bishop Inclosure Act (42 Geo. III, c.26 (Private)). Mr Barratt was not able to produce the award, but only what purported to be an extract from it made by a local historian. However, this is not fatal to the claim, since Mr Barratt produced the Cropwell Butler Parish Council minute book, which contains a memorandum of an agreement made 6 April 1896 between (1) Michael Thurlby (2) Cropwell Butler Parish Council whereby the land was let to Mr Thurlby for five years at a rent of £4 a year. Since then the Parish Council has continued to let the land for grazing until the present time.

On this evidence I am satisfied that the Cropwell Butler Parish Council is the owner of the land, and I shall accordingly direct the Nottinghamshire County Council, as registration authority, to register the Cropwell Butler 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 this

24<sup>th</sup>

day of

February

1985

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Chief Commons Commissioner