

COMMONS REGISTRATION ACT 1965

Reference No.29/U

In the Matter of Seven Pitts Pond. Goring Heath. Oxfordshire.

DECISION

This reference relates to the question of the ownership of land known as Seven Pitts Pond, Goring Heath, being the land comprised in the Land Section of Register Unit No.C.L.11 in the Register of Common Land maintained by the Oxfordshire 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 Oxford on 21st November 1973.

Mr. H.C. Rivers, a member of the Goring Heath Parish Council, appeared at the hearing.

The land in question is part of the Fuel or Poor's Allotment in the Inclosure Award made in 1812 under the Goring Inclosure Act of 1809 (49 Geo.III., c.cliv). By clause 2 of a Scheme made 8th November 1965 by the Charity Commissioners the land belonging to the Trustees of the Fuel or Poor's Allotment was vested in the Official Custodian for Charities.

I am therefore satisfied that the Official Custodian for Charities is the owner of the land, and I shall accordingly direct the Oxfordshire County Council, as registration authority, to register him 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 3184 day of Sannary 1974