



COMMONS REGISTRATION ACT 1965

Reference No. 29/U/28

In the Matter of Widmore Pond,  
Sonning Common, Oxfordshire.

DECISION

This reference relates to the question of the ownership of land known as Widmore Pond, Sonning Common, being the land comprised in the Land Section of Register Unit No.C.L.70 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. J.C. Older appeared at the hearing. Mr. Older is a member of a committee of local residents, some of whom are also members of the Sonning Common Parish Council, who clean out the pond and generally look after it by their own voluntary labour. Mr. Older was, however, unable to give any information as to the person in whom the fee simple is vested.

In the absence of any evidence on this point 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 10~~th~~ day of December 1973

Chief Commons Commissioner