



COMMONS REGISTRATION ACT 1965

Reference No. 32/U/51

In the Matter of Common opposite Glebe Farm,  
Church Stanton, Taunton Deane District, Somerset

DECISION

This reference relates to the question of the ownership of land (O.S. plot Nos 855 and 856) opposite Glebe Farm, Church Stanton, Taunton Deane District being the land comprised in the Land Section of Register Unit No. CL.156 in the Register of Common Land maintained by the Somerset 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 Taunton on 3 June 1975. The hearing was attended by Mr. William Stowell on whose application a registration has been made of a right attached to Glebe Farm to graze up to 40 cattle over the land.

Mr. Stowell said (in effect):- In 1968 the Parish Council let to him O.S. Plot No. 893 (this is south of and for a short distance adjoins the registered land). The receipts and correspondence which he produced relate to this letting. After about 3 years the Parish Council agreed that half the gravel pit should be added to this letting and the receipt dated 3 September 1971 for £5 (being the rent due under the letting) shows this. The half so added is part (the south end) of the registered land. He did not claim to own the land.

In the absence of any evidence I am not satisfied that any person is the owner of the land and it will therefore be 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



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decision is sent to him, require me to state a case for the decision of the High Court.

Dated this 10<sup>th</sup> day of June 1975.

*A. A. Baden Fuller.*

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COMMONS COMMISSIONER.