



COMMONS REGISTRATION ACT 1965

Reference No.41/U/17

In the Matter of The Quarry,
Hartham Common, Biddestone,
Wiltshire.

DECISION

This reference relates to the question of the ownership of land known as The Quarry, Hartham Common, Biddestone, being the land comprised in the Land Section of Register Unit No.C.L.43 in the Register of Common Land maintained by the Wiltshire 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 Salisbury on 24th October 1973.

At the hearing Mr. A.J. Clarke, the Clerk of the Biddestone Parish Council, informed me that the land in question was not part of a quarry and would have been better described as a common. He did not, however, make any claim to ownership on behalf of the Parish Council. Mr. W.J. Collett, of Field Barn Farm, Biddestone, stated that he would like to own the land, but that he had no proof that he did so.

In the absence of any evidence as to the ownership, 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 10th day of December 1973


Chief Commons Commissioner