



COMMONS REGISTRATION ACT 1965

Reference No.1/U/31

In the Matter of The Pound,
Great Barford, Bedfordshire.

DECISION

This reference relates to the question of the ownership of land known as The Pound, Great Barford, being the land comprised in the Land Section of Register Unit No.C.L.36 in the Register of Common Land maintained by the Bedfordshire 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 Bedford on 12th February 1974.

At the hearing the Great Barford Parish Council was represented by Mr. D.K. Cassels, a former member and Chairman of the Parish Council.

The land in question fronts onto the High Street at Great Barford. It lies open to the street. On it there is a seat, which was placed there by the Parish Council many years ago. The Parish Council does not, however, keep the land in order. The grass is cut and the hedge trimmed by the occupier of the adjoining house. This he does voluntarily and without receiving payment.

On this somewhat meagre evidence 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 5th day of March 1974

Chief Commons Commissioner