

## In the Matter of The Butts, Kimbolton, Cambridgeshire

This reference relates to the question of the ownership of land known as The Butts, Kimbolton, being the land comprised in the Land Section of Register Unit No. CL 14 in the Register of Common Land maintained by the Cambridgeshire 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 the Kimbolton Parish Council claimed to be the freehold owner of the land in question and no other 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 Cambridge on 15 December 1983.

At the hearing the Parish Council was represented by Mr F C Boyd, one of its members. Immediately after World War II the Parish Council planted a tree in the land in question.

In 1952 the Parish Council placed a public seat on the land, replacing an earlier seat. In 1970 the Council received a gift of daffodil bulbs, which were planted in the land. By 1970 the Council was maintaining litter bins on the land. Also in 1970 the Council erected signs forbidding caravans on the land.

On this evidence I am satisfied that Kimbolton Parish Council is the owner of the land, and I shall accordingly direct the Cambridgeshire County Council, as registration authority, to register the Parish Council 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

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Chief Commons Commissioner