



In the Matter of Puxey Pond, Chickerell, Dorset

DECISION

This reference relates to the question of the ownership of land known as Puxey Pond, Chickerell, being ~~the part of~~ the land comprised in the Land Section of Register Unit No. CL.116 in the Register of Common Land maintained by the Dorset 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 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 Dorchester on 8 March 1984. At the hearing, the Chickerell Parish Council was represented by Mr ~~R. Road~~, its Clerk.

Although described as Puxey Pond, the land the subject of the reference is not covered by water and is believed to have been the former Parish Cattle Pound and to have become vested in the Chickerell Parish Council under the Local Government Act 1894. However this may be, the Parish Council has been in receipt of the rents and profits of the land from at least as far back as 1941 without any adverse claim.

On this evidence I am ~~not~~ satisfied that the Chickerell Parish Council is the owner of the land and I shall accordingly direct the Dorset 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

19<sup>th</sup>

day of

March

1984

Chief Commons Commissioner