

Reference No. 212/U/314

In the Matter of East Marsh Saltings (part), Brightlingsea, Essex

DECISION

This reference relates to the question of the ownership of land known as East Marsh Saltings (part), Brightlingsea, being the part of the land comprised in the Land Section of Register Unit No. CL 340 in the Register of Common Land maintained by the Essex County Council of which no person is registered under Section 4 of the Commons Registration Act 1965 or the Land Registration Acts 1925 to 1971, as the owner.

Following upon the public notice of this reference Mr M V Johnson and Mr and Mrs M A Hedgecock and Mr D W Ross claimed to be the freehold owners of parts 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 Colchester on 8 December 1983.

At the hearing Mr Johnson appeared in person, but on consideration of plans which he produced, it appeared that he was interested only in land to the north of the land the subject of the reference.

In the absence of any 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 <u>in point of law</u> 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