



COMMONS REGISTRATION ACT 1965

Reference Nos. 13/U/44
13/U/45

In the Matters of (1) The Pound and
(2) The Pond, Cranham, Stroud D.,
Gloucestershire

DECISION

These references relate to the question of the ownership of lands known as (1) The Pound containing about 0.04 of an acre and (2) The Pond containing about 0.19 of an acre and both in Cranham, Stroud District being the lands comprised in the Land Section of Register Unit No. VG.50 and No. VG.51 in the Register of Town or Village Greens maintained by the Gloucestershire 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 Cranham Parish Council wrote saying that they know of no proof of ownership but that in living memory the Council has been responsible for improvements and maintenance and has paid the bills for such work. No person claimed to be the freehold owner of the land in question or to have information as to its ownership.

I held a hearing for the purpose of inquiring into the question of the ownership of the lands at Gloucester on 14 May 1975. There was no appearance at the hearing.

In the absence of any evidence I am not satisfied that any person is the owner of the lands and I shall accordingly direct the Gloucestershire County Council, as registration authority, to register Cranham Parish Council as the owner of the lands under section 3(3) 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 19/5 — day of May — 1975

a. a. Baden Fuller

Commons Commissioner