



In the Matter of Hamble Hard, Hamble, Hampshire.

### DECISION

This reference relates to the question of the ownership of land known as Hamble Hard, Hamble, being the land comprised in the Land Section of Register Unit No. CL 272 in the Register of Common Land maintained by the former Hampshire 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 Hamble 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 Winchester on 24 February 1977.

At the hearing the Hamble Parish Council was represented by Mrs C A Randell, its Clerk.

The land in question is a public launching place at the end of a road leading to the river. About 14 or 15 years ago the Parish Council placed two scrubbing piles on the land for the use of boat-owners. These scrubbing piles are set in concrete and have remained on the land without any objection from anyone claiming to be the true owner.

This evidence is, in my view, just sufficient to support a possessory title and to enable me to say that I am satisfied that the Parish Council is the owner of the land and I shall accordingly direct the Hampshire County Council, as registration authority to register the Hamble 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 26<sup>th</sup> day of April 1977

Chief Commons Commissioner