



COMMONS REGISTRATION ACT 1965

Reference No. 14/U/98

In the Matter of Lower Soldridge Pond,
Medstead, Hampshire

DECISION

This reference relates to the question of the ownership of land known as Lower Soldridge Pond, Medstead, being the land comprised in the Land Section of Register Unit No. CL.81 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 Medstead 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 21 May 1975.

At the hearing the Parish Council was represented by Mr. M. L. Congeon, its clerk.

The land the subject of this reference was a parcel of manorial waste, which was conveyed to the Parish Council on 9th July 1955 by the Church Commissioners for England, as lords of the manor of Old Alresford.

On this evidence 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 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

20th

day of June 1975

Chief Commons Commissioner