



In the Matter of The Pond, Bradley,
Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council

DECISION

This reference relates to the question of the ownership of land described above being the land comprised in the Land Section of Register Unit No. VG.205 in the Register of Town or Village Greens maintained by the 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 no person claimed to be the freehold owner of the land in question ("the unit land") 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 unit land at Winchester on 29 January 1985. At the hearing Bradley Parish Meeting was represented by its Chairman, Mr H G Bowyer, and claimed ownership: there was no other claimant.

Mr Bowyer has been Chairman of the Parish Meeting since 1975. The land was re-lined by the Borough Council in 1979 but the unit land has been regularly maintained since 1975 by the Parish Meeting out of its own funds. I think this evidence sufficiently establishes acts of ownership by the Parish Meeting and, in the absence of any other claimant, I am satisfied as to its ownership.

I shall accordingly direct the Hampshire County Council, as registration authority, to register the Bradley Parish Meeting Trustees as the owners of the unit 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

27th

day of

February

1985

L. J. Morris Smith

Commons Commissioner