



COMMONS REGISTRATION ACT
1965

Reference No. 216/U/67

In the Matter of Blacksmiths Pond
Pirton, North Hertfordshire D

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. CL.249 in the Register of Common Land maintained by the Hertfordshire 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 Pirton Parish Council claimed to be the freehold owner of the land in question ("the unit land") 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 Hertford on 18 February 1986.

At the hearing the Parish Council was represented by its Chairman, Miss B G Huckle, and the clerk, Mrs J D Walker. No other claimant was present.

The Unit Land is an area of approximately $\frac{1}{4}$ acre. Miss Huckle said in evidence that the Parish Council has actively maintained it for some 20 years. It has kept the edges tidy and maintained the fencing: the pond has been kept clean and some years ago it was dredged at considerable expense to the Council.

On this evidence I am satisfied that the Parish Council is the owner of the land, and I shall accordingly direct the Hertfordshire County Council, as registration authority, to register Pirton Parish Council as the owner 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

8th

day of

May

1986

L. J. Lewis Smith
Commons Commissioner