

In the Matter of Land on the North Side of Main Street, Skidby, Humberside

DECISION

This reference relates to the question of the ownership of land on the north side of Main Street, Skidby, being the land comprised in the Land Section of Register Unit No. CL 45 in the Register of Common Land maintained by the Humberside 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 Skidby 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 Beverley on 1 April 1980.

At the hearing Mr J Wright, Solicitor, appeared on behalf of the Parish Council.

The land in question is the site of an old pond, which was filled in and grassed over in 1939. The Parish Council put posts and chains round it and has since maintained it and planted some trees in it. During the last fifteen years the Parish Council has received annual fees from the occupiers of houses to the east of the land for permission to drive cars across it.

On this evidence I am satisfied that the Parish Council is the owner of the land, and I shall accordingly direct the Humberside 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

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Chief Commons Commissioner