

COMMONS REGISTRATION ACT 1965

Reference No.219/U/14

In the Matter of Pound Pit, Edenbridge, Kent.

DECISION

This reference relates to the question of the ownership of land known as Pound Pit, Edenbridge, being the land comprised in the Land Section of Register Unit No.VG 130 in the Register of Town or Village Greens maintained by the Kent 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 Edenbridge 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 Maidstone on 16th July 1975.

At the hearing the Parish Council was represented by Mrs R.Parsons, its Clerk, who informed me that she was unable to adduce any evidence as to the ownership of the land in question.

In order to avoid any doubt as to the identity of the land, it should be recorded that in a letter dated 9th October 1974 Mrs Parsons stated that the land is known locally as "Pound Green", but it is described as "Pound Pit" in the application for the registration made by the former Clerk of the Parish Council.

In the absence of any evidence I am not satisfied that any person is the owner of the land, and I shall accordingly direct the Kent County Council, as registration authority, to register the Edenbridge Parish Council as the owner of the land under section 8(3) 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 31st day of October 1975

Chief Commons Commissioner