



COMMONS REGISTRATION ACT 1965

Reference No. 24/D/2

In the Matter of Beckett's Hole, Laughton,
Lincolnshire (Parts of Lindsey)

DECISION

This dispute relates to the registration at Entry No.1 in the Land Section of Register Unit No. C.L.12 in the Register of Common Land maintained by the Lindsey County Council and is occasioned by Objection No. OB/6 made by the Personal Representatives of the late Colonel Hugo Meynell and noted in the Register on 12th February 1970.

I held a hearing for the purpose of inquiring into the dispute at Lincoln on 4th May 1972. The hearing was attended by Mr. Roy Chapple, the Chairman of the Laughton Parish Council, and by Mr. D. Harris, solicitor, on behalf of the Objectors.

In the tithe apportionment for Laughton with Wildsworth dated 10th February 1847 the land in question in this reference is shown as part of Laughton Moor and belonging to Ingram H.C. Meynell. The Objectors are the successors in title of Mr. Meynell under a vesting deed dated 14th June 1926.

From at least as early as 1919 the land was in hand and used as a duck decoy. There has never been an agricultural tenancy within living memory and the shooting is now let to a syndicate. During the last five or six years members of the public have been going onto the land. Before then some of the tenants of the Meynell Estate used to take sand for repairs.

On this evidence I cannot find that the land is subject to any rights of common or that it is waste land of a manor.

For these reasons I refuse to confirm the registration.

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 30th day of May 1972

Chief Commons Commissioner