



COMMONS REGISTRATION ACT 1965

Reference No 225/U/130

In the Matter of Catfield Common,
Catfield, Norfolk

DECISION

This reference relates to the question of the ownership of land known as Catfield Common, Catfield, being the land comprised in the Land Section of Register Unit No CL. 422 in the Register of Common Land maintained by the Norfolk 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 and no one 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 Norwich on 24 May 1978.

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At the hearing the Catfield Parish Council was represented by Mr G T Gant, one of its members.

The land the subject of the reference is a rough and marshy area adjoining a waterway. The Parish Council has tried to make charges for mooring, but Mr Gant said that this has not been very successful. In 1974 the Parish Council put up a notice board on the land.

This evidence is far from sufficient to prove that the Parish Council has acquired a possessory title to the land.

On this evidence I am not satisfied that any person is the owner of the land, and it will therefore remain subject to protection under section 9 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 *June* 1978

Chief Commons Commissioner