



COMMONS REGISTRATION ACT 1965

Reference No.25/U/18

In the Matter of Middleton Common,  
Middleton, Norfolk.

DECISION

This reference relates to the question of the ownership of land known as Middleton Common, Middleton, being the land comprised in the Land Section of Register Unit No. C.L.78 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 the Middleton 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 Norwich on 21st June 1972.

The land in question was allotted by the award made under the Middleton Inclosure Act of 1814 (54 Geo.III, c. clxv) to the Lord of the Manor, and the Vicar, Churchwardens and Overseers of the Parish and Township of Middleton as a fuel allotment. Mr. D.C. Burrell, the Clerk to the Middleton Parish Council, informed me that no trustees have ever been appointed by the Parish Council in place of the churchwardens and overseers, but that the Council has always administered the land.

On this evidence I am not satisfied that any person is the owner of the land. It will therefore fall into 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 **14~~th~~** day of July 1972

  
 Chief Commons Commissioner