



COMMONS REGISTRATION ACT 1965

Reference No. 231/U/27

In the Matter of Pike Common,
Keen Savage, Bridgnorth D.,
Salop

DECISION

This reference relates to the question of the ownership of land known as Pike Common containing about 0.68 acres, Keen Savage, Bridgnorth District being the land comprised in the Land Section of Register Unit No. CL.77 in the Register of Common Land maintained by the Salop 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 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 Shrewsbury on 18 February 1975. At the hearing, Keen Savage Parish Council were represented by Mr. G. Haywood, one of their members and also a member of the District Council, and Bridgnorth District Council were represented by Mr. F.R.P. Boughey one of their employees.

Mr. Haywood, who has lived in the Parish all his life (60 years), said (in effect) :- The land ("the Unit Land") comprised in this Register Unit is a strip of grass land bounded on the east by the River Rea, and on the west by a macadam road (an old lane). The Unit Land is easily accessible from Cleobury Mortimer (from Ronhill Lane down a steep hill from Ron Hill). The Villagers fish for trout from the Unit Land; they also picnic there. The Parish Council could offer no evidence of ownership.

In the absence of any 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 25th — day of February 1975

a. a. Baden Fuller

Commons Commissioner