



## COMMONS REGISTRATION ACT 1965

Reference No. 34/U/53

In the Matter of Wadd Lane Sand Pit  
Snape Suffolk Coastal D.

DECISION

This reference relates to the question of the ownership of land known as Wadd Lane Sand Pit, Snape, Suffolk Coastal District being the land comprised in the Land Section of Register Unit No. CL.73 in the Register of Common Land maintained by the former East Suffolk 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 former East Suffolk County 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 Ipswich on 12 February 1975.

Mr. D W Hallam appeared on behalf of Snape Parish Council and Mr. I.N. Whittaker, solicitor, appeared on behalf of Suffolk County Council.

Mr. J W Gibbs, the County Record Officer, produced the Enclosure award for the Parish of Snape dated 1860 whereby the land in question was allotted to the overseers of the Parish for highway purposes and the County Council accordingly claimed ownership of the land in question as the Highway Authority.

On this evidence I am satisfied that the County Council is the owner of the land, and I shall accordingly direct the Suffolk County Council, as registration authority, to register itself as the owner of the land under section 8(2) 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 24<sup>th</sup> day of February 1975

C. A. Little

Commons Commissioner