

COMMONS REGISTRATION ACT 1965

Reference No. 241/U/4

In the Matter of Cowesfield Wood, Whiteparish and Landford, Wiltshire

DECISION

This reference relates to the question of the ownership of land known as Cowesfield Wood, Whiteparish and Landford, being the part of the land comprised in the Land Section of Register Unit No.CL.9 in the Register of Common Land maintained by the Wiltshire 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 Salisbury on 11 October 1979. At the hearing the Whiteparish Parish Council was represented by Mrs D Hawes, one of its members. Mrs Hawes had no evidence as to the ownership of the land in question, but she said that she believed that the land in question was in the ownership of the Mitchell Estate, I cannot, however, deal with the matter on the basis of belief, so 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

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day of October

1979

Chief Common Commissioner