

COMMONS REGISTRATION ACT 1965

Reference No. 41/U/28

In the Matter of Land at Pewsey Hill, Pewsey, Wiltshire.

DECISION

This reference relates to the question of the ownership of land at Pewsey Hill, Pewsey, being the land comprised in the Land Section of Register Unit No. CL 61 in the Register of Common Land maintained by the former 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 Trowbridge on 25th June 1976.

The hearing was attended by Mr F. D. Phillips, the Vice-Chairman of the Pewsey Parish Council. Mr Phillips stated that during the last year or two the Parish Council had planted trees on the land in question and had made a picnic site on it. Before that it was just open land by the roadside.

The Parish Council has not been in possession of the land nearly long enough to have acquired a possessory title, and on the evidence before me I am not satisfied that any person is the owner of the land. 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 26th

day of July 1976

Chief Commons Commissioner