



COMMONS REGISTRATION ACT 1965

Reference No.1/U/21

In the Matter of Millbrook
Sand Pit, Millbrook, Ampthill
R.D., Bedfordshire

DECISION

This reference relates to the question of the ownership of land known as Millbrook Sand Pit, Millbrook, Ampthill Rural District being the land comprised in the Land Section of Register Unit No.C.L.50 in the Register of Common Land maintained by the Bedfordshire 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 Bedford on 12 and 13 December 1972. The hearing was attended by the Millbrook Parish Meeting who were represented by Mr. S.T. Morris Assistant Secretary of the Bedfordshire Parish Councils Association, by the Bedfordshire County Council who were represented by Mr. J.A. Kieran who is one of their staff and by Mr. Alan Thurston Williams in person. The registration was made on an application dated 24 June 1968 and made by Mr. Williams. An application dated 26 June 1968 and made on behalf of the Millbrook Parish Meeting was noted on the Register.

Mr. Morris said that the only document which the Parish Meeting thought could possibly provide information as to ownership was the Millbrook Inclosure Award 1803, that he had considered this Award and had concluded that there was nothing in it which would help me in this reference. Mr. Williams said that as a local resident he was interested in the outcome of these proceedings and that he could make no comment on Mr. Morris conclusion as to the relevance of the 1803 Award. So in the result I have 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 be 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

22nd

day of

December

1972

a. a. Baden Fuller

 Commons Commissioner