



## COMMONS REGISTRATION ACT 1965

Reference No. 214/U/14

In the Matter of Reedy Pond, Sheephouse Copse, Long Sutton, Hart D., Hampshire

DECISION

This reference relates to the question of the ownership of land known as Reedy Pond (containing about 0.13 of an acre), Sheephouse Copse, Long Sutton, Hart District being the land comprised in the Land Section of Register Unit No. CL.315 in the Register of Common Land maintained by the Hampshire 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 Winchester on 17 October 1974. Mrs E.M. Manning pursuant to whose application the registration was made, attended in person.

Mrs Manning said (in effect):- The land ("the Unit Land") comprised in this Register Unit is a small piece on the north side of a road, known as The Drove, which is here a rough track; about a quarter of a mile to the east, The Drove crosses a made up road known as Well Lane which runs northwards to Well and on to Crondall. Old inhabitants say that the Unit Land was a public pond; obviously it could have been used as a watering place for sheep. The surrounding land, known as Sheephouse Copse belongs to the Trustees of the Lord Wandsworth Foundation; she could offer no evidence as to the ownership of the Unit Land.

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

19th

day of

November

1974

a. a. Baden Fuller

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Commons Commissioner