



COMMONS REGISTRATION ACT 1965

Reference No. 14/U/45

In the Matter of The Pond,
Bentworth, East Hampshire D

DECISION

This reference relates to the question of the ownership of land known as The Pond, Bentworth, East Hampshire D being the land comprised in the Land Section of Register Unit No. CL. 264 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 Bentworth Parish 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 Winchester on 4th March 1976.

Mr Hunt the Clerk to the Parish Council appeared and produced an instrument whereby Mr A d'A Willis as Lord of the Manor renounced all the Wastes of the Manor within the Parish to the Parish Council and he also produced a tithe map of 1840 which identified the land in question as being waste at that date.

On this evidence I am satisfied that Bentworth Parish Council is the owner of the land, and I shall accordingly direct the Hampshire County Council, as registration authority, to register Bentworth Parish Council 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 10th day of March 1976

C. A. Jettle

Commons Commissioner