



In the Matter of The Pound, Dibden, Hampshire.

DECISION

This reference relates to the question of the ownership of land known as The Pound, Dibden, being the land comprised in the Land Section of Register Unit No. CL 51 in the Register of Common Land maintained by the former 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 Mr J C F Langford 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 23 February 1977.

At the hearing the New Forest District Council was represented by Mr F W N Slinger, solicitor, and Mr Langford appeared in person.

Mr Langford informed me that he had been keeping the land in question tidy, but since it was proposed to put a road through it, he was no longer interested in it.

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 25th day of April 1977


Chief Commons Commissioner