ment would be 12 feet and that they did not intend to do anything with land behind nearby houses.

Coun. Fred Pawson said: "There are thee important points that need raising from this—children, people in the vicinity and the issue of planning.

"As I see it, people in Well Lane have had enough on their plates to last them 100 years and if a child gets into this slurry pond who is going to get it out?

"I have been accused at rural council meetings of trying to stop the pit but I am one representative on the council elected to see a fair deal for the people in this village."

Coun. Jack Holmes said: "People in Well Lane have lived in fear of safety for their children long enough. We have to live in Treeton, and the colliery management is continually changing.

"The colliery may even be closed in 10 or 15 years, or even less, and we shall have to live with their slurry ponds when the colliery is closed down.

"The Coal Board have failed to keep promises in the past. They can promise what they like now, but if a new manager comes along the whole situation could change."

Fencing

Coun. Albert Tinkler said the Coal Board promised to send full details of what they intended to do, but they had not kept the promise.

The clerk, Mr. Desmond Rossington, said the Coal Board, when asked why they could not choose an alternative site, had said they had facilities on hand for the other three slurry ponds.

Said the Rector, the Rev. Dennis George: "We should give them details of what we want, and when they see these they might not think it worth going ahead with the fourth pond, because the Coal Board do not like spending money."

It was agreed that the Coal Board be asked to erect an adequate fence eight feet high topped with barbed wire, that they be asked to landscape with trees the area around the pond, and they be given specific dates when the work should be completed.

A Coal Board spokesman said today that they would give full consideration to the points raised by the parish council.

He said: "We are already improving this site and a lot of beautification has taken place.

"We have put fences up before and they have been damaged, but this fourth slurry pond is essential to the running of the colliery and we hope our planning application will be approved."

Councillor steps in to help with a hedge problem

By a staff reporter

A COUNCILLOR is helping two old-age pensioners who have a constantly growing problem . . . the trees and shrubs which divide their garden from a public path.

Miss Ada Shirtcliffe, 82, and her sister Winifred, 76, have been unable to cut the hedge for the last six years.

The hedge dividing their home in Warminster Road, Norton Lees, Sheffield, from the narrow path is 250ft. long and nearly 20ft. high in places. but it has spread over the path and almost half covers it in places.

Following complaints, the Corporation have ordered the hedge to be cut—and if the old ladies do not have it done they will face a £20 bill when the Corporation do the job.

Miss Winifred Shirtcliffe said: "We are quite willing to have it cut, but we cannot do it ourselves. If the Corporation do it we will be unable to pay as we have only our old age pensions."

Now Councillor Charles Davison has stepped in to help—he has a fortnight to find someone to help voluntarily before the Corporation move in.

Councillor Davison, deputy chairman of the Works Committee, said: "We do not want to have to present them with a bill. The City Engineers are bending over backwards to get this done voluntarily, and if someone would supply the equipment I would be willing to help myself."

MOSQUE LEGAL BATTLE GOES ON

By a staff reporter

AFTER a full day's hearing at Sheffield County Court yesterday, the legal battle to decide the future of a Pakistani Moslem mosque at Industry Road, Darnall, was still not settled.

With the case for the plaintiffs still uncompleted and the defendants' case still to come, the hearing had to be adjourned to a date to be fixed because of the amount of work on the court's calendar.

Judge Arnold told counsel, who wished to proceed with the case today: "The lists are very full indeed and it looks as though December will be the next convenient date, unless something happens to give us a free date in the meantime."

Mr. Peter Baker, for the plaintiffs, said the case arose because of the closure of the mosque late last year and a purported sale having been made by four trustees.

He appears on behalf of Mohammed Nur, Mohammed Sadiq Malik and Mohammed Aslam who were said to represent other members of Sheffield's Pakistani community.

They sought a perpetual injunction preventing the mosque's sale, and damages. The defendants are four trustees and two people who agreed to buy the mosque.

Woman stole from store

A Rotherham court heard yesterday that a 28-year-old woman who suffered from epilepsy stole from a supermarket.

Mrs. Wendy Webb, of Redssope Road, Droppingwell, Rotherham, admitted stealing a quantity of clothing, hardware, and half-a-pound of butter, altogether worth £8 6s. 10½d., from Tops supermarket. She was fined £10.

Inspector Christopher Lambert, prosecuting, said the woman had written to the Chief Constable saying she suffered from epilepsy, and because she thought she was becoming

restrictions placed on Bird's trading activities.

The magistrates ordered that for the next 12 months Bird, aged 53, of Regent Court Flats, Hillsborough, Sheffield, must not do business between 6 p.m. and 8 a.m. and that he must keep purchased materials for 72 hours before disposing of them.

The restrictions were imposed together with a fine of £25 after Bird had pleaded guilty to receiving scrap gun metal worth £13 15s. 6d. knowing it to have been stolen.

Whiteley, aged 26, of Newstead Grove, Birley, Sheffield, admitted stealing the metal while a lorry driver employed by A. A. Bramall Ltd., and was fined £20.

Sold it back

Mr. Michael Rose, prosecuting, said that in the deal on the moors Bird paid Whiteley £7 for the metal and then sold it back to Bramalls for £13 15s. 6d.

When seen by police Bird said: "I got the impression that although Whiteley had come by the metal unlawfully he hadn't taken it from his employers.

"The last thing I wanted to do was defraud Albert Bramall because of the fairness and help he has given me."

Bird's solicitor, Mrs. Marion Norrie, said he had succumbed to a sudden temptation.

"The man from whom this property came has been a personal friend who has given him assistance socially.

Whiteley told the court: "I was in debt."

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