

Appendix V - Council minutes 1940-45. Renting of land between 28 and 30 Grosvenor Avenue

ST. MARY'S WELL.

The City Engineer submitted the following report:-

An application has been received from Mr. J. Peat of 30, Grosvenor Avenue, Newcastle, for permission to use the strip of land leading to St. Mary's Well and lying between Grosvenor Avenue and the Grove:

On the 18th May, 1931, the Estate and Property Committee accepted as a gift from the owner, Mr. F.V. Laing, an area of land which included the site of St. Mary's Well. The area is shown verged red on Plan No. 4071-6 submitted. The work of exposing the Well and the steps leading thereto, the fencing, planting and tidying up the ground was completed in November 1931, at a cost of £125.

On the 13th December 1932, the Well and the area of land above referred to was transferred to the Town Moor and Parks Committee and since that date the key to the Well enclosure has been kept at the Banqueting Hall, Jesmond Dene.

The strip of land to which Mr. Peat refers is shown hatched red on Plan No. 4071-6. The land is about 64 feet long and 6 feet clear between fences and was intended to preserve access to St. Mary's Well in the event of the Grove being closed to the public. The fences, which are close boarded party fences 6 feet high, were erected by the Corporation on land belonging to the adjoining owners.

Mr. Peat, who is tenant of the site immediately west of the strip, asks permission to remove the fence on his side of the strip so that he may add the land, about 40 square yards, to his garden and convert the whole into a vegetable plot. Mr. Peat states that the owner is willing to purchase the land from the Corporation at a reasonable price or, alternatively he, Mr. Peat, is willing to pay a nominal rent of 1/- per annum either for the duration of the war or during his tenancy.

The estimated cost of taking down and storing the fence is £3 and of re-erecting £7.

If the legal conditions of the gift will allow, the City Engineer recommends that Mr. Peat be granted the use of the strip of land for the duration of the war at a nominal rental of 1/- per annum provided he bears the cost of taking down and storing the fence until 3 months after the cessation of hostilities and, at the end of that period, of re-erecting the fence in its present position.

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RESOLVED That the application be granted, subject to the land being given up and the fencing restored not later than November, after the cessation of hostilities, also subject to no payment for compensation.

Above - Town Moor and Parks Committee minutes, 12 March 1940, p82 and 83

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... that the application be declined.

ST. MARY'S WELL.

The following report of the City Engineer was submitted and the recommendation therein contained was confirmed:-

An application has been received from Mr. J. Peat of 30, Grosvenor Avenue, Newcastle upon Tyne, for an extension of period during which he may enjoy the use of the strip of land leading to St. Mary's Well and lying between Grosvenor Avenue and the Grove. He asks that the lease be extended for as long as he remains an occupier of No. 30, Grosvenor Avenue.

On the 12th March, 1940, the Committee granted Mr. Peat the use of the strip of land, subject to its being given up and the fencing restored not later than November, after the cessation of hostilities, also subject to no payment for compensation.

The City Engineer recommends that Mr. Peat be granted the use of the land until the 30th November, 1946, and thereafter from year to year at the discretion of the Committee, the occupation being subject to 6 months notice.

A copy of Plan No. 4071-6, showing the land referred to, is submitted herewith.

NUN'S MOOR PARK.

Above – Town Moor and Parks Committee minutes, 09 October 1945, p337

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