

DYKE CLEARANCE – MALLARDS ESTATE

There have been a number of complaints recently regarding the work carried out by the Internal Drainage Board (I.D.B.) in the area of the Mallards Estate and Westerly Way. These complaints have been forwarded to the relevant authorities including Norfolk County Council and Great Yarmouth Borough Council. The complaints are mainly centred around the uprooting of saplings near the dykes and the mess left by the drainage works. Complainants also reported that some of the uprooted saplings were those planted by Caister Parish Council.

Following an investigation into the complaints the I.D.B. have confirmed that none of the saplings removed by their workmen had collars on or belonged to Caister Parish Council and that trees are not allowed to be planted within 10 metres of the dyke banks, the ones that were removed all looked to be self-seeding small trees that were growing directly on the edge of the drain, that is why they were removed.

The I.D.B. confirmed that an inordinate amount of mess was left by the workmen and that they would be sending a team to the area to clean up as best they can, bearing in mind the current weather conditions. The clean-up was due to be completed this week.

The I.D.B. also offered as a gesture of goodwill to contribute a donation to Caister Parish Council for the purchase of saplings to replace those removed.