

# **WHITTLESEY & DISTRICT INTERNAL DRAINAGE BOARD**

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The Board are intending to undertake the annual drain work maintenance in the North-Eastern area that will include flail mowing and basket cutting, North-Western area which will include flail mowing and basket cutting of main drainage channels from the inlets at Horsey to Manor, Conquest and Tebbitts pumping stations, Southern area (Glassmoor & Mereside) flail mowing and basket cutting. Whittlesey Fifth area flail mowing and basket cutting. The Operational Engineer may have already contacted you regarding the works but if not please treat this notice as the official Notice of Entry. The Flail mowing will be undertaken by Robert Dale, drain works by P J Thory Ltd and Ashlings ( P Green).

## **Notice of entry is given under Section 64, Land Drainage Act 1991.**

The operation Engineer, Richard Price, 07715084034, may be contacted if you have any questions regarding the drain works as alterations to the planned programme may be changed due to crops and working conditions.

The Board will be pursuing a policy of regular operations to remove silt and weeds from the drains.

The existing practice of undertaking a four-year rolling programme will be replaced by a two-year basket cutting programme.

## **BYELAWS**

### **Ratepayers are reminded of the following Board's Byelaws: -**

**Byelaws 10 and 17** place restrictions on the erection of any structures within 9 metres of the edge of a watercourse under the control of the Board. Anyone, therefore, contemplating the erection of any structure, including a fence, close to a watercourse should first submit details to the Clerk of the Board to obtain permission. In the first instant, you may wish to speak to the District Officer.

**Byelaw No 7** states: - "No person shall, so as directly or indirectly to obstruct, impede or interfere with the flow of water in, into or out of any watercourse or so as to damage the bank: -

- a) Discharge or put or cause or permit to be discharged or negligently or wilfully cause or permit to fall into any watercourse any object or matter of any kind whatsoever whether solid or liquid:
- b) allow any such object or matter as is referred to in sub-paragraph (a) of this Byelaw to remain in proximity to any watercourse in such a manner as to render the same liable to drift or fall or be carried into any watercourse.

Provided that nothing in this Byelaw shall be deemed to render unlawful the growing or harvesting of crops in accordance with normal agricultural practice."

**Byelaw No 15** states: - "No person shall use or cause or permit to be used any bank of any watercourse for the purpose of depositing or stacking or storing or keeping any rubbish or goods or any material or things thereon in such a manner as by reason of the weight, volume or nature of such rubbish, goods, material or things causes or is likely to cause damage to or endanger the stability of the bank or channel of the watercourse or interfere with the operations or access of the board or the right of the Board to deposit spoil on the bank of the watercourse."

### **Current activities –**

The Board have instructed Lee-Dickens Ltd to install a Site watch Telemetry System and have just completed phase 2 of the works at a cost of £41,759.00

Must farm – The Board have agreed to a main drain re-alignment to assist mineral extraction by Forterra but issue with water voles has delayed the transfer.

A605 Kings Dyke Scheme - The Board are working closely with Cambridgeshire County Council in regard to surface water drainage of the new bypass.

Lords Farm – The Board are currently working with Drake Towage to replace the temporary pump with a unit purchased from South Holland IDB.

The Board's net expenditure has been fixed at £307,368 (rate of 14.30p) but the rate has been maintained rate at 12p.

Should you have any issues you may wish to discuss please contact the Chief Executive Officer or Operation Engineer: -

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