WEST DORSET CLEAN RIVERS ACTION GROUP

6TH JAN 2023 MEETING ~ WOOTTON FITZPAINE VILLAGE HALL, DT6 6ND 12:30-2:00PM

AGENDA

1. INTRODUCTIONS – **5 mins**

2. GROUP PURPOSE AND GOALS: Establish the aims of the group and agree its name* – **15 mins**

3. WATER ISSUES

    a. non-sewage issues/questions arising from the briefing prepared by participants – **10 mins**

    b. issues/questions related to sewage discharges into the sea and local rivers – **25 mins**
       o discussion of the situation as we understand it
       o agree next steps
       o agree with CL action that he can take to best support our next steps**

4. ENVIRONMENT AGENCY ISSUES: designations/monitoring/enforcement – **10 mins**

5. FUTURE MEETINGS – **10 mins**
    o focus for next meeting
    o when, where, who should attend
    o possible guests (EA/DC/WW etc.)

6. REPORTING: Agree procedure for reporting the outcomes of the meeting – **10 mins**

7. CLOSE – **5 mins**

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* To save time under Item 2, the draft statement of our aims is offered for discussion and amendment.

For example (Item 2):

The group aims to work together to get positive action to clean up West Dorset's rivers and coastal waters by:

- *collating local information on all issues related to river and coastal water quality in the area*
- *briefing our MP on these issues so he and others can have informed conversations with Water Companies, Dorset Council and relevant statutory bodies and agencies and act on our behalf to ensure that our rivers and coastal waters meet the targets set out in the Government's 25 Year Environment Plan (2018) and the Environment Act (2021)*

** To save time at Item 3b, these points are offered for discussion and amendment as part of the action that CL could be asked to take.

For example (Item 3b):

Ask CL to:
- *Press Wessex Water to provide details of its Asset Management Plan, budgets, priorities and schedules over the next 5-year period as they relate to our rivers*
- *Press Wessex Water to identify any areas or opportunities for community engagement where the Group or its members could work effectively with WW to achieve local improvements*