**West Bay Ward Matters Meeting**

**7th May 2025, 6.30pm at St John’s Church**

**Notes**

1. Jane Powell from the West Bay Swimmers Action Group gave a very informative presentation on the current sewage discharges into West Bay and their planned water testing from East Beach, which will begin at the end of May. The results will be published on the Black Hut and also the Surfers Against Sewage Data Hub. It was agreed the group should be asked back to a future meeting to share their findings.
2. A request for a 20mph speed limit covering the **whole** of West Bay has been submitted to Dorset Council.
3. A noise camera on the West Bay Road was requested. Dave B to investigate whether this is still an option as a pilot had not reported its findings.
4. A survey of residents and businesses regarding whether motor bikes should be allowed into the stone seating and picnic areas was requested. Ann L to follow up.
5. No loading kerb markings (“pips”) were requested for the kerb outside Chesil House. The pips in the central hub area also need to be repainted. Dave B to contact Dorset Highways.
6. The speed hump between West Bay car park and the overflow car park needs repainting. This is now a trip hazard. Dave B to contact Dorset Highways and the Dorset Council Road Safety Team.
7. New, larger bins are being rolled out across the Bay. It was noted that the Spar shop has removed its bin and this has led to an increase in litter along West Bay Road. Dorset Waste Services will be contacted to see if there is another suitable site for a bin.
8. Rubbish bags are available from the Harbourmaster’s office for unofficial litter picking. Full bags can either be left outside the office or at the entrance to the boat yard.
9. Andrew Taylor provided an update on the harbour walls maintenance. A new process will be used to repair the walls and the work should be finished in the coming weeks.
10. Anti-social behaviour update. Only 4 calls have been received by the police in the last 3 months. Although a camera has been installed, the police rely on the public to report an incident so that they can then investigate the camera footage. Residents were asked to report any ASB incidents on 101 or online: dorset.police.uk/advice/advice-and-information/rs/road-safety/making-a-road-traffic-incident-report/ It was commented that there had been no communication to residents (or councillors) about the camera.
11. Meadowlands parking was discussed, and it was agreed that a survey of residents preferences / options would be undertaken. It was noted that the police had been called to a recent incident but no action was taken. Dave B will follow up on why this was.
12. Burton Road to West Bay bridlepath – community engagement is being sought in order to develop a management plan for the trailway. A letter will soon be distributed to residents bordering the trailway to canvas their views. A public open meeting may also be held.
13. Councillors were asked to investigate why a large van selling artworks is now parked on the Esplanade
14. Sarah West promoted the new events taking place at the West Bay Discovery Centre:
    * VE Day 80th anniversary slide show (VE Day Celebration in West Bay in 1945)
    * West Bay Beach of Dreams Art Festival, 17th May
15. A mass litter pick is scheduled for Sunday 18th May. Meet at the Black Hut at 10:00
16. Dave Bollwell brought the meeting’s attention to the changes to footpaths and rights of way through West Cliff, which will shortly be put in place as part of the Dorset Definitive Map and Statement of Rights of Way 2025 orders.

**Next Meeting**

A drop in session rather than a formal meeting is scheduled for Thursday 10 July 2025 from 6.00pm at The Salt House. Issues residents wish to discuss face to face can be brought to this session.