

GREEN VIEW

POOLE



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BCP Green Party Activists at the Candidate launch fronted by Benjamin & fellow **Poole Candidates**. Green Party Activists standing in 11 out of 12 wards in **Poole**, ready to enable change, to help & support all residents as **councillors**

CONSERVATIVE BUDGET CHAOS IN BCP

Conservative run BCP Council has been deep in **financial chaos**. Its **Leader recently resigned**. This follows debt-piling, and Government blocking a “dodgy deal” to attempt to keep BCP solvent by **selling off local beach huts** all along the seven miles of **Poole Bay’s sandy beaches**.

This has led to the **maximum 4.99% Council Tax rise** for 2023/24, plus **£32.9m of cuts**, with a further £12m identified to help balance the books. Add the increases to parking, **Green Bin collections**, & money **wasted on vanity projects**. It is clear the **Conservative party cannot be trusted** with your money any longer.

BCP Green Party Backs a committee system of Governance which means including **all councillors** to ensure no one party can control everything & will always be open to **scrutiny**.



POOLE HARBOUR OIL SPILL

Not the first time & probably not the last

On Sunday 26th March 2023, a **major incident** was declared following an **oil spill in Poole Harbour**.

Parkstone resident **Benjamin Pantling** as Green Party Speaker for Poole said this in the **BCP Green Party** official Press Release –

“Poole Harbour is a nationally important haven for wildlife. This was recognised in 2019 when the **Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI)** designation was increased by 1,800 hectares - all of which is now endangered by this oil leak. Studland Bay, just around the corner, is one of the most **important breeding sites in Europe for spiny seahorses** and vital for the future of the species. The full extent of the damage from this spill may not be known for a long time.”

When Perenco took over the **Wytch Farm oil field** from BP in 2011 the site had already been extracting oil since 1979. It was scheduled to **close in 2016** but Perenco managed to get an extension of the licence **until 2037** – far beyond the original decommissioning date. There have been other incidents at this site including an **onshore oil spill in 2013** which contaminated 10,000sqm of land and a **hydrochloric acid leak in 2020**.

Benjamin Pantling Speaking up for Poole

Green Councillor gets Wessex Water grilled over beach sewage

- **Local water company slated for calling mounting public concern “sensationalised”**
- **Disbelief as they say: Just don't open your mouth while swimming in local sea**

Wessex Water managers were **grilled** by a panel of **BCP councillors**, over **frequent raw sewage overflow discharges** into the sea across **most of our local coastline**. The Town Hall hearing had been **secured** by **Green Councillor Chris Rigby**.

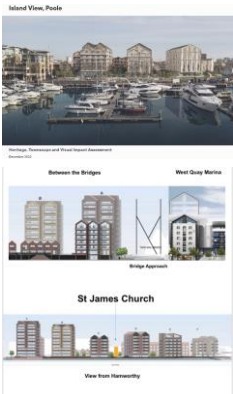
Wessex Water's area is **now England's third worst for sewage discharges** into waterways. Storm overflows are **supposed to be used only in extreme weather**, to relieve sewer pressure. Numerous local sea users (swimmers, surfers etc) have **reported illness** after one of the too-frequent local sewage discharges.

Wessex Water claimed **media coverage** has been **'sensationalised'**. Councillor Rigby responded: **"I don't think that's correct at all. It's becoming more and more reported, yes, because it's important."** There was **disbelief** when Wessex Water reps **said swimming in the local sea is okay if you don't open your mouth**.

The cross-party councillor panel agreed to **recommend that BCP Council lobby** local MPs and the regulator, **for better water quality**.



*Bournemouth Green Councillor Chris Rigby secured a **Town Hall panel hearing**, to challenge Wessex Water over raw sewage discharges*



Poole Green Party are concerned like most people about the over development of **Brown Field sites** in our town especially in & around the Quay. The two main sites at the moment are **Fisherman's Quay** (Thistle Hotel site) & between the Bridges. Both have outlined permission for **massive developments**. Showing complete disregard for residents & the infrastructure, not in keeping with the surrounding area. Too many small flats targeting **second home & holiday let** markets. These sites need to be used to help **the younger generation** by providing low-cost rental & opportunities to purchase their first home in an overinflated market. The next two Projects will be **Lady Russell Cotes Theatre** & college buildings on Constitution Road Hill & the **Old Power Station**. Both are large enough to provide proper family homes & a mix of house & flats to provide **Poole families** with a future. We need to ensure these developments are built on in a way that will **enhances the town**.

CAN WE HELP – Tell us what's important to you

Poole Green Party is about helping all people in Poole, we want a brighter future for all residents & a successful town we can all be proud of. What does the Poole of the Future look like to **YOU**. Tell us we don't want to get involved in vanity projects; we are not on ego trips. Email us. Where we can we will endeavour to assist & battle for Poole residents. We want to compliment our Bournemouth colleagues & enhance the Green voice on the **BCP Council**.

The Green Party is the only national political party which doesn't employ a whip system, Green Councillors are allowed to vote with their hearts & for issues which matter to their ward residents. This means a Poole Green councillors on BCP council can & will stand up for Poole.

Benjamin and Local greens: working hard and standing up for your Poole



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