

## Noise disturbance at North Treviddo

At a public meeting of the parish council held on 21 September 2017, the Chair of the council reported that he. . .

. . .had received a letter from Insp Julian Morris explaining what action the police took in August in response to complaints about excessive noise and disturbance. Prior to the bank holiday on 28 August, the Chair visited the site and spoke there with Cornwall Council enforcement officers about actions they had taken to caution the resident. He learned that staff from Wales & West Utilities had also warned him about the dangers of lighting bonfires on his property in such close proximity to a mains gas pipe. Full details will be sent to all residents who lodged complaints with the parish council and published on the website.

### **From Insp Julian Morris 17/8/17**

The current situation is that I am working with Drew Pittaway from Cornwall Council and will be looking to serve a noise abatement notice on the occupant as soon as possible. Any breaches of that will result in a prosecution. I know that Drew is also looking at some enforcement for other environmental issues on the land.

I've also been proactive and contacted the providers of the portaloos and advised them that they may wish to consider any further hire requests in case we seize them as evidence (contents obviously removed!)

I will be sending Mr Rowe a letter in a few moments warning him about his behaviour.

My advice to your residents would be that if they see generators (or anything else that would indicate a party is being held being delivered) to ring us, but also to ring environmental health. If they can obtain details of companies without compromising their own safety and wellbeing then that would be ideal. I cannot promise that we will definitely get there as the constraints of our job may dictate that my resources are elsewhere and committed but we will definitely look at the follow up and deal with any offences. I must stress that this is not always a quick fix but we will work as quickly as we can.

If I can get a message out to your residents is that whilst I appreciate their frustrations, we are not always the most appropriate organisation to take primacy in these matters. As a 24 hour service we realise that we are the easiest to contact. Although it may not seem as if we are doing anything promptly, there are generally things going on in the background to try and resolve issues. To shut down any party such as this safely, and I emphasise that word, takes a huge amount of physical resources, which we unfortunately do not have immediately to hand. Whilst we enforce legislation, we do not make it.

Hopefully I will be able to get back to you soon with a more productive update

### **Update 28/9/17**

John, just thought I'd update you that Mr Rowe has now been served a noise abatement notice and if he breaches that he will be prosecuted. The council and environmental health are also looking to prosecute him for further offences in relation to dumped waste on his land. That matter is obviously still in progress but I'm sure if it develops we will let you know. Hopefully the council can put your parishioners minds at rest with this information

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