

### **Clerk's Statement Concerning the old steps on Arnside Foreshore**

At a Risk assessment carried out by Arnside Parish Council it was identified that the steps down to the foreshore were a potentially high risk to the public, particularly to children.

At the January Meeting the Council decided that the safest course of action would be to have them filled in.

With the summer holidays approaching and the work not yet completed the steps were filled in by one of the Council members to alleviate the danger.

In a similar way a temporary repair has successfully been carried out on a slipway to divert a flow of outfall water which was causing a serious slip hazard to the public. United Utilities will be making the repair permanent.

The Council has acted to try to ensure the safety of the public using the foreshore in this matter but has listened to public comments that these steps may be needed for the safety of those in the water and will consult with the Coastguard on this matter before the meeting.

The Council is very sorry that the infilling of the steps has caused upset to any members of the local community and in response will review the repair at the next Council Meeting on the 9<sup>th</sup> July.

The public are welcome to attend this meeting at 7.15 at the Cemetery Chapel, Silverdale Road. It will be preceded at 6.45 by a public meeting with the Cumbria Fire and Rescue Service to discuss proposed changes to the fire service in Arnside.

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Clerk to Arnside Parish Council  
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