The matter was first considered at the meeting on the 19th March 2025. The report outlining the item said:

A. **Item 17 To consider if, and how to make use of available Section 106 funds**

In a recent circular to parish and town clerks, Torridge District Council has advised that there is a fund for a multi-use games area or playing pitches in the Westward Ho! ward of £182,786. Similarly, funds are available for public art in the same ward (£97,843). This contribution arises from planning proposal 1/1084/2015/OUTM (145 dwellings on land off Cornborough Road). The Town Clerk and Cllr Bach recently discussed the possible use of this fund to provide a MUGA on the space previously occupied by the 4th tennis court at Westward Ho! Park. It has been confirmed that this would be an appropriate project to access the funds. The next stage would be to seek estimates for the cost of such facility. The officers expect that the project would be above the threshold for a formal tender process to be required.

Recommendation: commence the background work for this project and delegate its oversight to the Parks & Recreation Committee.

a. The minute reads:
It was noted that the Council was able to access a sum of money (£182,786) held at Torridge District Council to fund the installation of a MUGA in the Westward Ho! ward of this Council. The contribution arose from planning proposal 1/1084/2015/OUTM (145 dwellings on land off Cornborough Road).
It was **resolved** to commence the background work for the installation of a MUGA at Westward Ho! Park and delegate its oversight to the Parks & Recreation Committee.
Proposed: Cllr Leather, Seconded: Cllr Hames (all in favour)
Action point: include on the Parks & Recreation Committee agenda until further notice.

B. In the budget for 2025-26, it was noted that the £15,000 (plus £7,500 earmarked) for Westward Ho! Park was for improving facilities (MUGA) and building reserves. This budget was agreed to be put to Full Council by Finance & HR at minute 2412/457 and adopted by Full Council at minute 2501/507.

C. Chair's Announcements at P&R, minute 2511/446, stated:

Funding Approval for the MUGA at Westward Ho!
Torridge District Council has approved funding for the MUGA following the C&R Committee meeting last night.
The Council's application was agreed in full, with £58,949 awarded toward the MUGA (estimated cost: £68,949).
An additional £14,000 has been approved to cover 10 years of maintenance.
Northam Town Council has already allocated £22,500 in the 2025–26 budget for the MUGA and for future park maintenance reserves.

D. **The budgeted funds not spent in 2025-26 were carried forward (£11,763.76)**.