**Present – Stuart Shepherd (In the Chair), Michelle Gunn, Colin Hyde, Annie Murdoch, Jim Sainsbury, Liz Shepherd, Henrietta Van den Bergh, Scott Waldie, Tony Walker, Martha Covell (ECA), Philip Burton (Mayor of Ilminster). Mark Tredwin (Acting Town Clerk).**

**Apologies – David Westwood,** who accidentally had not been connected into the Skype Invitation.

**256 – Declarations of Interest –** Tony’s comments as a resident directly overlooking Shudrick Valley were duly noted.

**257 – Notes of December 2020 Meeting –** The notes of the meeting held on 9th December 2020 were agreed as a fair record.

**258 – Matters Arising –** A more compact issue of the Plan would shortly be available, (through George), and would be issued not only to Group Members, but also to the Library and other venues where it would be available to the public.

**259 – Town Council Approval of Plan –** Stuart gave a report back from the last Town Council meeting, at which the draft Plan had been approved. The response from the Development Group was that we now had the momentum to push forward in publishing the Plan, through display boards, exhibitions and leaflets.

**260 – ECA Report –** Martha explained the role of the leaflet which she had used in other Neighbourhood Plan proposals.

**261 – Consultation with the Local Community –**This would start no later than 26th/27th June, which were the dates on which it was agreed that the Group should book stands at both the Market House on the Saturday, and the Recreation Ground on the Sunday, in conjunction with the “Ilminster Experience” weekend. Scott would coordinate arrangements for the Group to provide cover over both days.

**262 – Communicating with the Local Community –**The views of the Documentation Sub Group were shared with the full Group, and generally endorsed; though no decisions were taken regarding a pre leaflet letter, or the hiring of a temporarily vacant shop for exhibition purposes.

**263 – Save Shudrick valley Group -** The full correspondence between the SSVG and the Town Council, together with Martha’s comments, having been circulated with the agenda, was duly noted. The general view, as expressed by Tony, was that we should talk to SSVG, rather than be seen to oppose them.

**264– Openness and Transparency –** This meeting, though somewhat overdue , seemed to have resolved most of the communication issues, and resulted in a firm resolve to move the Plan ahead.

**265 Next Meeting –** It was agreed that the next Skype meeting should be at 6.30pm on 12th May 2021.

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