

SWALLOWS NEST

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- Good afternoon Chairman and Members
- I am here to represent the view of Bibury Parish Council of which **I am Chairman**
- At the Parish Council meeting of Tuesday 11th October 2023 it was **unanimously** agreed 'to support' the extension works at Swallows Nest
- There was consideration of an explanation presented at the start of the Parish Council meeting, in the public session, by Adrian and Jean Wright that the development provides viable alternative living accommodation reflecting Jean's worsening mobility issues
- Please bear in mind that the PC members, who are all elected, and local community are passionate about maintaining the historic identity of the village
- Whilst, it was noted in the meeting that there have been **no objections** to the planning proposal, which is quite unusual
- Support was on the basis that:
 - this is an **extension of a relatively new building which has already received planning approval**
 - it is **reasonably proportioned**
 - and sited at **low level** such that it is not at all obtrusive with respect to surrounding properties
 - it is also screened by mature hedging
 - **in short it does not adversely impact on the Conservation Area**
- To conclude, it is indicated in the Delegated Report Conclusion (Section 9.) that the **perceived harm is not 'outweighed by the public benefits from the proposal'**, whilst the Parish Council view is that there is a public benefit, which outweighs any perceived harm, from Adrian and Jean remaining in the community (and not moving away to a property which better meets their future needs), due to their significant local contribution – which my colleagues will outline.